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PEACE

Reds 90 Miles From Shanghai

Nanking, January 28.
Yangtze River, 90 miles North West of Shanghai, fell this morning to the advancing Reds belonging to General Chen Yi's army, according to reports tonight from Chinkiang, about 40 miles West.
Along the river, the Communists were attacking other Nationalist North bank outposts at Kweichow and Shih-shan. Wei opposite Chinkiang. Unconfirmed reports said that Kweichow has also fallen.
The Nationalists, who yesterday retook Yangchow without resistance, withdrew this morning to Chinkiang on the Nanking-Shanghai railway.
The Communists 4th, 8th, 9th, 12th and 13th columns are said to be massing on a 50-mile front on the North bank, mainly at likely crossing points.

Foreigners Held In Peiping

Peiping, January 28.
The Communist military cordon around Peiping was today ordered to prevent foreigners leaving the newly occupied city to travel about in the Communist countryside.
The military informant predicted, however, that as soon as the coalition government is operating, the ban will be relaxed. The ban does not apply to air flights to Shanghai and other Nationalist cities.
The Peiping joint administration may be expanded to serve as an interim government for all North China including besieged Tientsin (capital of Shansi province), the last Nationalist island in the North.
Despite the delay in working out details of the joint administration, troops of both sides continued to adhere strictly to the cease-fire while waiting for orders to move into or out of Peiping's suburbs.
Settlement of the currency reform policy appeared to be the major obstacle to completion of the new government.
In Tientsin, the Communist military control committee last night ordered the conversion of foreign currencies for People's Bank notes and provided a better exchange rate for students, workers and poor people.
It is generally believed that the Nationalist commander, General Fu Tso-yi, will remain here long enough to complete the transfer of authority to the Communist-led coalition government but will not participate in it.
The municipal police, the telegraph offices and other local organizations have already completed arrangements for the change over. Life in and around Peiping is rapidly returning to normal.
While the Nationalist and Communist armies continued to maintain armed patrols around the perimeter, which last week was a battle zone, they allowed Chinese traffic to pass unmolested.
Red officers receive brisk salutes from Nationalist guards as they pass through the checkpoints.

WOMAN MP IN SNAKE TROUBLE

Tokyo, January 28.
The former Diet member, Mrs. Haruo Yamashita, who made news recently over a drunken affair with the Finance Minister, Sanroku Iizumi, was today at a Diet snake party that cost the Finance Minister his post. She is now in more snake party trouble. She has been summoned by the police for giving a snake party for prospective voters during her election campaign in violation of election laws.
Despite her efforts, Mrs. Yamashita was unable to win a Diet seat.—Reuter.

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APPEAL COLLAPSING Li Waits For Answer From Communist Leader CABINET MEETING OFF

Nanking, January 28.

The Nationalist peace appeal to the Communists was reported here today to be in danger of complete collapse as President Li Tsung-jen awaited the Communist leader Mao Tse-tung's reply to his dramatic early morning peace message.

Premier Sun Fo, the Deputy Premier, Wu Te-chen, two-thirds of the Cabinet Ministers and three of the four-man Nationalist peace delegation have now left the threatened capital. The Cabinet meeting arranged for tomorrow has been postponed.

Meanwhile, Nationalist troops defending the Yangtze River have been ordered not to attack the Communists now massing in force at several places on the North bank ready for the crossing.

President Li's peace message early today was said to have followed the sudden departure by train for Shanghai of the Premier and his deputy. Reliable sources said that they had not been consulted when the President drafted his message.

Cabinet Split

A Cabinet split appeared to be developing.
The Premier's departure was not known in Nanking until today. He is expected to remain in Shanghai until the Communists replied to the President's message. If it is unfavorable, he is expected to go to Canton where the Nationalist Government will resume work on February 5.
President Li informed the Chinese Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung, that the government accepts the original eight Communist demands of January 14 as a basis for peace discussions, according to informed quarters.
General Li's acceptance of the eight-point Communist peace programme, contained in a personal message to Mr. Mao, again urged the Communists to speed up in naming the time and place of peace talks.
However, the Acting President informed the Communist chief that the Nationalist government could not be expected to accept the eight demands blindly before peace talks began. He agreed only to the eight points as a basis for discussion.

Informed quarters said General Li's message did not refer to the demand of the North Shensi Communist radio commentator that the government arrest and turn over to the Communists all those persons named on the Communist list of war criminals. The Nationalist government has taken the

Gold Yuan Nosedives

Shanghai, January 28.

Dwindling hopes for an early cessation of the civil war caused Nationalist China's currency, the Gold Yuan, to sag to new low levels today in terms of foreign currencies and gold.

In spite of the scarcity of cash, the United States dollar soared to 450 Gold Yuan each this morning in the open market after opening at 300, while gold bars rose to 6,327,000 per ounce from about 6,200,000.

Unconfirmed reports that the Communist authorities in Tientsin had banned the holding of foreign currencies failed to have any effect on the local rush to buy United States dollars.—Reuter.

War Criminals

The first of Mr. Mao Tse-tung's eight points, however, demands the punishment of all Nationalist war criminals. The original Communist list contained the name of retired President Chiang Kai-shek and Acting President Li Tsung-jen.

War Not Imminent But Is Possible

Washington, January 27.

The Army Secretary, Kenneth C. Royall, said today that war is not imminent but is at least a possibility.

Mr. Royall said there is little chance that the international tension will ease for a number of years.
He testified to the House Armed Services Committee, opening hearings on a bill to fix the Army strength and authorize a 70-group Air Force.
Mr. Royall said: "Our best estimate of the world situation does not indicate that war is imminent."
"However, war is at least a possibility and there appears to be little likelihood for a number of years to come that we will be free of an international situation fraught with danger and subject to marked fluctuations."

The bill will not in itself provide a big army but will give the framework in which the Army can expand to the maximum of 837,000 men when Congress provides the money.
It will authorize the Air Force to build toward a 70-group Air Force when Congress appropriates the funds.
Mr. Royall said this is realistic, and the Chief of Staff, General Omar C. Bradley, said it will give him machinery needed for fast mobilization in the event of emergency.
He said: "The pattern of events shows that our military establishments during this period of 'cold war' must be adequate."
—United Press.

Rangoon Isolated By Rebels

Rangoon, January 28.

Rebel warfare in Burma increased on widening fronts today as Rangoon was isolated by cutting of the railway to Mandalay.

Rebels blew up a bridge on the Rangoon-Mandalay line, stopping the service, which is the capital's last surface link with the rest of Burma.

A strong rebel force attacked the rail centre of Toungoo, 180 miles from Rangoon, at dawn. Government motorized troops were rushed in. Rebels held the nearby town of Tantalai, seized on Wednesday.

Parliament will meet on Monday in its final pre-election session. The Cabinet of 21 Ministers, retiring to permit formation of a more compact Government, will formally hand in their resignations to President Sao Shwe Thakha. The resignations were delayed at his request when the Premier, Thakin Nu, offered them recently.—Associated Press.

General Li's official acceptance of the eight-point Communist programme is believed to be spurred by indications that the Communist field forces are massing men and supplies near the North bank of the Yangtze opposite Nanking for an all-out assault on the Nationalist capital.

Reports from across the river said the main Communist force of 100,000 men is gathering 20 miles North of the river bank, while spearheads probed within two miles of the river. This main force is moving slowly Southward by train, truck, boat and foot, while other transport is bringing in huge amounts of supplies for a sustained attack.

Troops Dig In

Facing the Communists, according to Nationalist officers, is a small force of 45,000 government troops dug in around Fokow across the river from Nanking in an effort to keep the Communists beyond artillery range of the capital.

Acting President Li's appeal was despatched while heads of government—about all remaining now—foreign delegations and the city's population tried to predict what will be the city's physical fate. Nanking's position as the capital ends a week from today.

Officially Canton becomes the capital on February 5. Actually, it will be little more than a designated base for major sections of the government. The men who head those sections plan to remain in Nanking as long as possible. That is the expressed decision of the Acting President, cabinet members and others.

Foreign establishments are making little more than a gesture of protest by agreeing to send representatives to Canton. The United States, for example, instructed the removal of Canton of its Minister Lewis Clark with a staff of 10 assistants and clerks. The rest of the extensive United States diplomatic physical personnel setup is remaining in Nanking.

The British Embassy today received instructions from London, which were delivered to the Chinese Foreign Office. Mr. John Percival Coghill, Embassy Counselor, has been instructed to proceed to Canton with an appropriate staff. The remainder of the British diplomatic mission, including the Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, is staying in Nanking. The foreign embassies are believed to be planning similar action, but officially have not yet been instructed from their own foreign offices.—Reuter and United Press.

STARVATION IN REFUGEE CAMP

London, January 28.

The British Red Cross Society in London today reported slow starvation in a refugee camp in Northern Transjordan. Their Commissioner, Dr. W. J. Craig, in his first report from Transjordan, said that in one of the camps he had visited there were 1,021 refugees whose food ration is about four ounces of flour per head per day.

"Slow starvation has resulted," he added. "Of these 1,021 people, 330 are children under five, and many die of dysentery and malaria. Deaths in December among the very young and the very old numbered 60."—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

At 0800 GMT (3 p.m. HKST) a broad belt of high pressure extends from Mongolia across the Eastern Sea to the Pacific off the British Isles. Windy, but dry, with a few clouds. Temperature moderate. Fair and dry.

Film Stars To Be Married In Rome?



American film star Tyrone Power and actress Linda Christian are seen leaving the Roman Catholic Church of Santa Francesca, near Rome's famous Colosseum. The 12th century Church is in the custody of the Benedictine of Montoliveto Friars.—AP Photo.

NATIONALIST TROOPS REBEL

Peiping, January 28.

A regiment of Nationalist troops revolted today in the Southern suburbs of the city when ordered in Red territory under the Peiping peace pact.

Troops loyal to General Fu Tso-yi engaged the rebellious troops. Fu's headquarters claimed they were suppressed.

The engagement lasted several hours.

The troops belonged to the 94th Army and were among units under the command of General Shih Chu, bitter opponent of a peaceful settlement of the Peiping siege.

General Shih reportedly went South after the January 27 cease-fire order.
Other units of his command also are reported to have ignored orders from Fu's headquarters to move into Red territory as the cease-fire agreement provided. They assertedly demanded that they be sent back to their South China homes.

Meanwhile, circles close to Fu said his headquarters would be dissolved on February 1 and a joint committee to administer Peiping would be installed the same day.
The committee would be made up of four Communists and three Nationalists.
Peiping residents are being psychologically prepared for their new rulers, who so far have remained in the back ground.—Associated Press.

"Flying Saucers" Seen In Japan

Tokyo, January 28.

Following reports of mysterious "flying saucers" in Australia, a number of persons in Japan report sighting "luminous" flying saucers flashing across the sky in Japan around 7.40 p.m. on Tuesday.

A police station accountant in Fukui describes the flying object as a "fireball with a tall about two yards long." He said the thing flew from the South East to the North West, and disappeared in less than four seconds.

About the same time that night, a "yellow coloured" flying object was witnessed by many Japanese in Osaka and Nara prefectures. The witnesses agree that it flew slowly from South to North. The occurrence was confirmed by the meteorological station in Tai.

About 60 miles East of Osaka, other persons reported a "bluish" object flying from North to South at 7.53 p.m. on Tuesday over Nagano prefecture. Each apparition is said to have been followed by a deep rumbling sound, lasting for about two minutes. Many citizens in Nagoya were surprised at 7.45 p.m. when the interior of their homes was lit up by a flash. Nagoya's meteorological station commented: "It could have been a shooting star."—Reuter.

Hundreds Feared Lost In Ship Collision

Shanghai, January 28.

Hundreds of lives are feared lost in the collision yesterday afternoon between the Chinese steamers Taiping and Kienyuen, off Bonham Light in the Chusan archipelago South East of Shanghai.

Survivors said that the Kienyuen sank in five minutes, and the Taiping, with at least 500 passengers aboard, 20 minutes later.

Fifteen hours after the accident occurred details were still scanty. Five hundred passengers were carried on both ships.

This is a season of sea tragedy in China's winter of woe. The Ning Po passenger ship Kiangya, sank off the Yangtze mouth in November after an unexplained explosion with the loss of about 3,000. Last night's tragedy claimed no such toll, but many and owners of both ships were afraid it might run into hundreds.
The Shing Company's 2,700-ton freighter Kienyuen, bound for Shanghai with Formosan coal, and the China Pacific Line's 4,000-ton freight passenger ship Taiping, on charter to the Chung-hua Company, collided off Shusan Island, 100 miles South East of Shanghai.

The Taiping is a regular passenger freight ship, plying between Shanghai and Kienyang, port of Formosa's capital at Taipei.

Swarms Of Refugees

It was loaded with the usual swarms of war refugees, many of them government workers taking their families to China's inland possession. It was not known whether any government or other notables were aboard, but this was likely since every passenger list to Formosa these days contains a government figure.

The Australian destroyer Warramunga, which was enroute from Japan to Nanking to replace the British navy sloop Black Swan was the only vessel quickly on the scene and picked up a group of 30 survivors, who were landed at Wosung this afternoon.

United States navy sources here said early this evening that 40 survivors had been found, but this information did not appear conclusive since other ships may be in the vicinity.

One Marine source said he thought the Taiping probably carried far more than her passenger list of 500. One report said she had 1,500 aboard, but her operator, Chungling Company, denied this. The Taiping left Shanghai January 27 for Formosa.

Both companies had salvage tugs and rescue craft in the area the afternoon of January 28, but none had made any report at nightfall.

British navy sources said the collision was caused probably by heavy fog, which prevailed throughout the night. Survivors were expected to be landed by the Warramunga sometime tonight near Shanghai. (Continued on Page 18)

Inauguration Of New Cinema

The new first-run Mainland cinema, the Liberty Theatre, was officially opened last night by Sir Alexander Grantham, the Governor, before a large gathering of distinguished officials and business men.
Mr. Wong Fook-hing and Mr. Harry Odell welcomed the Governor and his party, including the ADC and Mrs. J. Scott.

RUSSIANS STRIPPING GERMANY?

Berlin, January 28.

The German Socialist Party Press said today the Russians had taken goods worth seven billion U.S. dollars out of Germany for reparations in the last three years.

The party organ, Sozial Demokrat, based its calculations upon figures available for the past 39 months.

It said it learned from reliable sources that the Russians were now employing 900 German train crews solely for such traffic at a time when, by Soviet admission, rail transport in the Russian zone is in a bad way.

The newspaper reported that in 39 months more than 17,000 goods-laden trains had gone from Germany to Russia, carrying about 11,000,000 tons.

In addition, probably as much cargo had gone to Russia by ship from Baltic Sea ports, the paper said.

The newspaper said the German crews were used to transfer cargoes ranging from livestock to finished textiles, chemical products and metals. The shipments are transported in sealed trains. It claimed the Russians also had taken about 1,000 German locomotives and much railway equipment.—Associated Press.

KUNG HAI FAT CHOY



Captain Gammans To Investigate China Situation

Captain L. D. Gammans, Conservative MP for Hornsey, in a broadcast over Radio Hong Kong last night, said he came here to learn people's views and try to make up his mind as to what was likely to happen in this part of the world as a result of Communist victories in China.

"I want to get a clear picture of what's going to happen to China, now that the Communists have advanced up to the Yangtse and might in due course probably come further South," he said.

"What's likely to happen?"

Move To Clear Squatter Huts

Further steps to clear the urban areas of squatter colonies were taken by the local authorities yesterday.

An order by the Deputy Colonial Secretary, Mr. K. M. A. Barnett, has defined two more areas in which the police, the Health Department and the Public Works Department can act against squatter huts.

One of the defined areas is to the South of Boundary Street, Kowloon. It is bounded on the North by Boundary Street, on the East by Em-bankment Road, on the South by Prince Edward Road, and on the West by Sai Yeung Choi Street.

The other area, in Wan-chai, is bounded on the North East by O'Brien Road, on the South by Hennessy Road, and on the West by Arsenial Street.

It was learned yesterday that action against the squatter colonies in the two areas will be deferred until after the Chinese New Year holidays.

PETITION FOR REVISION

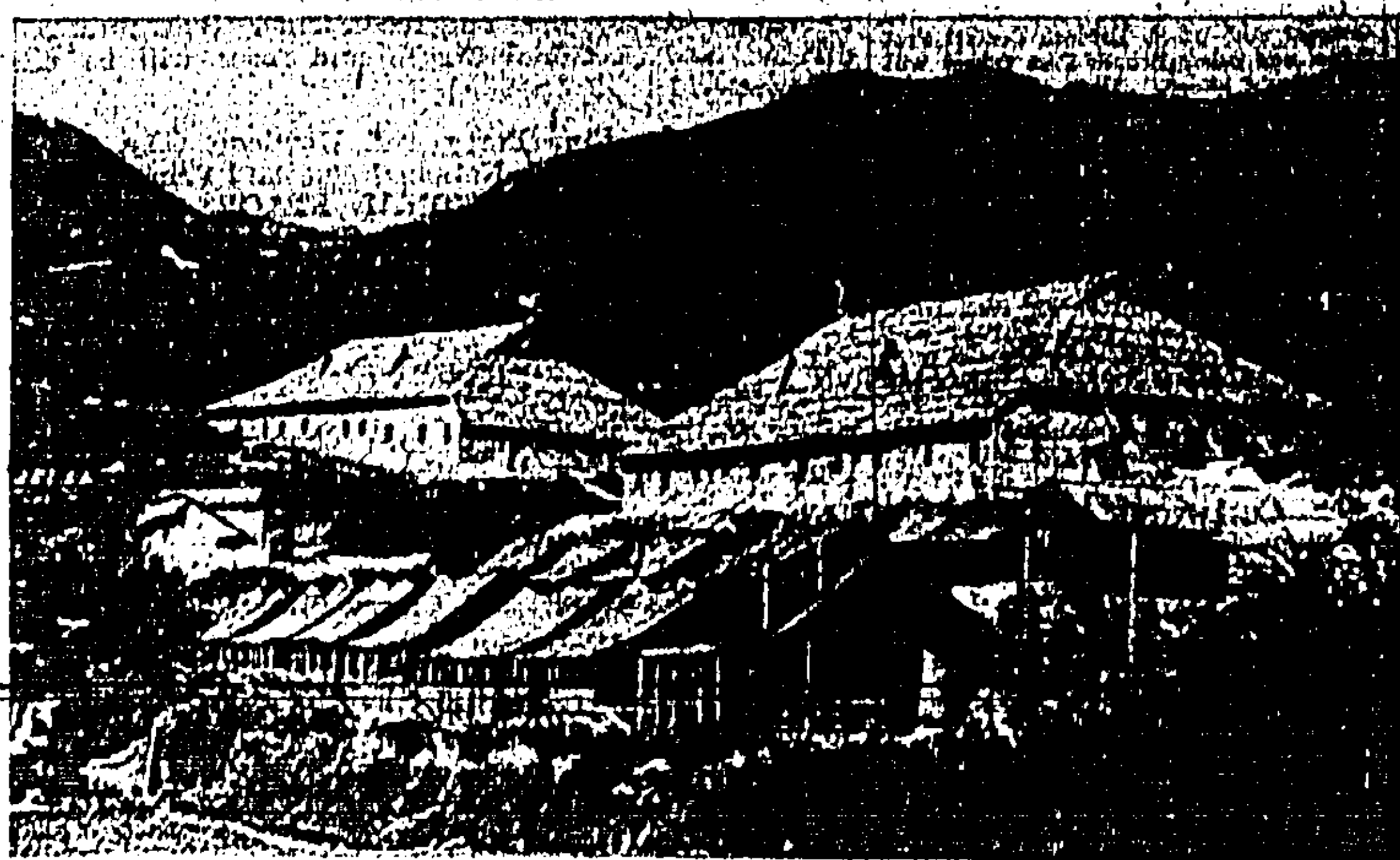
A petition for revision of the Debtor-Creditor Ordinance was presented by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs yesterday for transmission to Government.

The three main points in the petition were that, in the period interest should be waived, the ratio between the military and civilian payments received and acknowledged by creditors or their legal representatives should be treated as valid.

The petition was the result of recommendations of the Chamber's sub-committee appointed some six months ago to examine the whole question of wartime repayments of debts. The recommendations were submitted to a general meeting of the Chamber about a month ago, and were unanimously approved.

Except for a very small section of the population, the vast majority of the people, Chinese, Malays, Indians and Europeans were dead against Communism and against the bandits.

CNAC VILLAGE



A settlement of straw mat sheds and canvas tents for accommodating staff from Shanghai has been set up by the China National Aviation Corporation near Diamond Hill at Kai Tak. CNAC plans to construct a permanent concrete building near Kai Tak for staff quarters and offices. Meanwhile, the staff, between 300 and 500, are being housed in the temporary sheds and tents. The settlement has been named the "CNAC Village."—Kung Sheung Yat Po Photo.

U.S. ADVISORS THROUGH IN CHINA

Washington, January 28.

The State Department has confirmed that the work of the American military advisors in China has been suspended.

The Advisory Group had been working with the Chinese General Staff at Nanking. Their future movements were not known here.

The Department said the suspension was "due simply to the fact that under the present circumstances the group cannot carry out its function, which is that of assisting and advising the Chinese Government on staff level with respect to general organization matters and procedure in such fields as military organization, training and supply."—Reuter.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Fire Hazards

Sir,—The morning papers are full of pictures and the story of another fire in squatter huts at Kowloon. It would seem that this is the fourth such fire in the last few weeks—perhaps just another in the normal course of events. That Government is aware of the dangers involved is shown by the report that various danger spots are to be rid of squatters and are to be moved to designated areas. No news is given as to what type of hut can be erected or what plan of building is to be followed.

In the adjacent country of China one finds that very cheap houses are erected quickly by using lime, clay, sand etc. in certain proportions—largest cost of such building being the labour. The results are, fairly fireproof and can be much better looking (if some care is used in the planning) than the usual run of squatter huts which one sees on every side when going around the Colony.

One, of course, must realize that the sacred regulations (which like the laws of the Medes and the Persians are just and cannot be altered) may be slightly violated if one were to actually lay out an area properly, provide the materials from which such cheap but fireproof structures may be erected according to some simple plan—especially if the area is "agricultural" and where the visiting Chinese is building, anyway without permit. There would be the additional advantage of making sure of some sanitary arrangements of which the present squatter settlements seem singularly free. With the spot chosen, but sites laid out in orderly fashion, laid out in orderly fashion, followed and erected from materials provided which must be used, one might possibly expect a result better in all respects than the present blots on the landscape.

The obvious objection is that some money would be involved. It costs money to fight fires, it costs money to fight a plague of disease. The costs of this plan, would be to provide cheap building materials and direction. The labour of building would be provided by the squatter as he does at the present time according to his own sweet will and desire in whatever fashion fancy may dictate. This solution of a problem forced into one's lap with no chance of running away from it would reflect much credit on the person solving it in a creditable manner. Here would be another proof that Hong Kong is indeed a bastion of safety and security in the Far East instead of the present chaos of which the person who has no regard for regulations takes full advantage.

AIRCRAFT AMENDMENTS

The Air Navigation (Colonies, Protectorates and Mandated Territories) Order, 1927, has been further amended. The amended Order was published in yesterday's Government Gazette.

The amendments make provisions for regulating the conditions under which noise and vibration may be caused by aircraft on licensed airfields and government airfields.

They also further amend the provisions governing the registration of aircraft; include a new schedule containing a revised code of Rules of the Air and Air Traffic Control; and a new schedule containing a revised list of the territories to which the Order applies.

POLICE AWARDS

A number of awards to Police personnel have been authorised by the Governor.

Inspector R. F. Oliver has been awarded the First Bar to the Colonial Police Long Service Medal, effective from August 13, 1948.

Among the other awards, effective from the dates shown in brackets, were: Colonial Police Long Service Medal: Inspector D. Clark (27.2.48), J. McW. Forrest (27.2.48), G. Fryer (18.3.48), A. Souter (18.5.48), R. B. Davies (13.8.48), H. J. Baldwin (13.8.48), F. Roberts (24.8.48), W. E. B. Howell (10.9.48), T. Pilkington (19.9.48), A. E. G. Wheeler (19.9.48), G. J. Perkins (25.9.48), C. A. Kriloff, Sub-Inspectors A. I. Efremoff, A. Price, G. Robinson, V. U. Stepanoff, V. L. Veriga, S. G. Koordumoff, F. M. Zadorin, G. C. Roussakoff and Sherevera (25.9.48).

Members of the Cantonese, Wei Hoi Wai and Teochew contingents have also been granted awards. The full list was published in the Government Gazette yesterday.

ILLEGAL POSTERS

Posters with slogans: "As long as we fight, we get our victory," "Workers are the holiest," and others of a similar nature, were found in the possession of two workers of the Nan Yang Textile Factory.

Equipped with bicycles and built of bamboo, the posters were found on Thursday morning, the posters on the wall of Bailey's Shipyard. Many others were seen on walls in the district.

The posters were said to have been made by the workers of the Nan Yang Textile Factory who went on strike recently. Charged with posting notices without the permission of the SCA before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, Mr. Ngan-sang and Pun Man-yuen both pleaded guilty.

Personalities

Miss L. L. Armentrout, Miss E. Johnson, Miss M. Findlay, Miss N. E. Wilson, Mrs. L. M. Morrison, Messrs. B. Bulajewski, N. P. Fox, D. W. Gilliland, D. McGavin, C. J. Pitts, and the Reverend Mr. L. W. Smith arrived in the Colony yesterday by the ss. Wusueh.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Miss Connie Howell, Miss G. Stendie, Mrs. A. Youriff, Messrs. F. H. Ho, X. K. Wu, W. L. Bond, Walter Guggenheim, R. E. Kelly, H. O'Neil, W. J. Tucker, and R. C. Toppings.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday were Miss B. Oecher, Mrs. E. R. Main, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson, Mr. V. H. Liu, Messrs. W. V. Blewett, W. R. New, A. M. Scott, W. S. Blogg, M. Meldon, W. King, P. W. Hewett, H. Deane, A. A. Shearer, K. Burnstead, K. Colegate, H. M. Snow, J. Mansel-Smith, and J. L. Wei.

The wedding took place yesterday at the Supreme Court Registrar's Office of Mr. George James Mills, Prison Officer, of Victoria Remand Prison, and Miss Natalia Nilawa. Kazmina, step-daughter of 51 Kimberley Road, in the presence of Mr. A. D. Venables and Mrs. S. A. Ellery.

Professor W. Simon will address the Hong Kong Rotary Club on Tuesday at the Royal Garden Hotel. His subject will be "Some Thoughts on Learning a Foreign Language." The Hong Kong Rotary Club meets at 12.30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Hong-Kong Hotel.

Messrs. Hsu Chung-seu and Dy Chuy-pio arrived here from Manila yesterday by CPA.

Messrs. J. Bell, Tan Hong, Rafaela Shee, and Ang Kim left Hong Kong for Manila by CPA yesterday.

Messrs. R. E. Shea, M. Ha Motin, Chau Hien-on and Mr. and Mrs. M. Ruff left Hong Kong yesterday for Saigon by Air France.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. T. House was among the passengers who arrived here from Manila yesterday by CPA.

Messrs. R. N. Dippy, W. S. Blogg, J. T. New, W. L. Bond, Miss C. E. Main, and Mrs. Lee Tin-Suei left by CPA yesterday for Bangkok and Singapore.

BRANDY SEIZED

A party of Revenue Officers headed by Mr. W. G. Humphreys raided the Sun Wah Comprode Shop at No. 6 Stanley Street, ground floor on Thursday and seized 22 bottles of French Brandy.

The manager, Wong Man-ku, was charged before Mr. Hing-shing Lo at Central yesterday with possession of the brandy without paying duty. The brandy was imported from Hongkong.

Representing Mr. Humphreys requested the magistrate to take a serious view of the case and defendant was fined \$400 and the brandy was ordered to be confiscated.

PLASTICWARES IN COLOURS

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SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL

This year the Hong Kong University Arts Association's choice for a play production is Sheridan's "A School for Scandal."

The show will be presented at the Eu Tong Sen gymnasium on February 6, at 8.30 p.m. and the performance will be repeated for the following two days.

Producing "School for Scandal" is a member of the Stage Club. His previous production for the University was Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man" which was staged last year.

Actors from the "Arms" cast taking part in this forthcoming production are: Elizabeth, a new Lady Reizze, the leading role, and Valerie Beeching as Mrs. Candour. There are 15 members in all, most of whom are newcomers to the stage. Valerie Beeching is assisting in the production.

Bookings for "School for Scandal" are now open and tickets may be obtained from Moutrie's.

Shows on the production floor by other local amateur groups are the Guinea Pig, "Flare Path," "Arsenic and Old Lace," and "Quiet Week-end."

"Guinea Pig" will be presented by the Stage Club about the middle of February. Production is by Phillipa Coombes.

Kai Tak's ADC are working up an "Flare Path" and a new group, The Garrison Players, who had so far been doing radio plays mostly, have arranged to put on the popular American comedy, "Arsenic and Old Lace." The European YMCA is planning for "Arsenic and Old Lace" to be presented during March.

Insufficient Revenue

Little revenue has been collected by the two Chinese Customs stations at West Point and Yau-mat, as shippers chose to pay duties on arrival in China instead of Hong Kong, due to the depreciating Chinese currency.

This information was disclosed to the "China Mail" yesterday by an official of the Chinese Customs. Under the Customs Agreement between Hong Kong and China, these stations were set up on November 1 to facilitate the entry of goods into China by enabling merchants to pay their duties in Hong Kong.

Payment was, however, optional, and merchants could pay on arrival in China, if they so wished. Vessels of under 200 tons must, however, obtain "no objection" papers from these stations before they are given clearance by the Hong Kong Harbour Office.

Since the setting up of the stations, they have cleared a daily average of 25 vessels for Canton, Kowloon, Tientsin, Swatow, Peking, and other points on the Kwangtung coast.

Movement of goods has been normal, and there has been little change from what it was before the setting up of the two stations.

A concert of recorded music will be presented to-morrow at Talbot House, 40, Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong commencing at 8.30.

The programme will include "Francesca da Rimini"—Tchadikovsky; Sonata No. 4 in D (played by Yehudi Menuhin)—Handel; Concerto in A minor (played by Dame Myra Hess)—Schumann; and Symphony in C minor, No. 95—Haydn.

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The Annual Dance of the Hongkong Reel Club will take place in the Grips on Tuesday, 22nd February, 1940.

Will all members and their friends wishing to attend please contact the Secretary.

MRS. J. SHEWAN, Hon. Secretary, c/o The Chartered Bank.

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By Order of the Directors,

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General Agents, Hongkong.

January 27, 1940.

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The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Club-house on Thursday, 17th February, at 6.00 p.m.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS. On Saturday, January 20, 1940, the General Post Office, Kowloon Central Post Office and other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be no delivery and no collection from pillar boxes.

On Sunday, January 21, 1940, there will be no delivery of Ordinary Correspondence only at 10 a.m. On Monday, January 22, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will open from 8 a.m. to noon. The other Branch Post Offices will open from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. There will be one delivery of Registered and Ordinary Correspondence and one collection only from pillar boxes at 10 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

Outward Mails

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Mail close at Kowloon Central Post Office, half an hour earlier than the GPO closing time.

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Closing Times by Sea

Haiphong and Saigon, 9 a.m.

Swatow, 10 a.m.

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HINT TO SCANDINAVIA ON ATLANTIC DEFENCE

Washington, January 27.

Senator William Knowland (Republican, California) today urged Norway, Denmark and Sweden to join the North Atlantic anti-aggression pact or risk the loss of all American military and economic aid.

Senator Knowland, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, opened the Congressional debate on the proposed pact in a Senate speech.

The treaty is not completed yet and will not be ready for Senate ratification for about a month.

The Senator served blunt warning on the Scandinavian countries that there will be no neutrals if Russia invades Western Germany and Western Europe.

Meanwhile, diplomatic sources say, the door is still wide open for the Scandinavian countries. Italy, Ireland, Iceland and Portugal to join in the pact.

Senator Knowland said the United States cannot greet the pact with enthusiasm when nations closer to the seat of potential aggression try to remain aloof. "If Soviet Russia moves to invade Western Germany and Western Europe, other members of the United Nations must immediately act in their common defence or the whole collective security idea will perish then and there."

Important Step

"If the United States and the Western world should be defeated by Soviet Russia, do the Scandinavian countries think they could remain as a free island in a world totalitarian sea?"

The pact is being negotiated by conferees from the United States, Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Holland.

The importance attached to the treaty by the United States Government was underscored yesterday by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, who declared that peace and security can be maintained only by the United States joining with the others to make it clear in advance that

BRITISH TRADE WITH ISRAEL?

London, January 27. The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson, told the House of Commons today that he is considering trade with Israel in the light of current developments. Mr. Eamonn Hughes (Labour) had asked if he knows of the great possibilities of trading with Israel and if he will send a trade delegation to Tel Aviv. Mr. Wilson added that he is aware of the possibilities.

Shanghai Refugee In A Scrape

Manila, January 28.

Konstantin Kluge, leader of 492 stateless Russians evacuated from Shanghai by the International Refugee Organisation, will be returned to Shanghai for clashing with a Philippine Presidential assistant.

The President's office announced that the 64-year-old former Cossack Colonel "deliberately ignored" instructions on landing in the Philippines.

Reports from Guilan, Samar Island, say that Kluge refused to permit passengers to leave the steamship Hwa Lien at the time Alfredo Eugenio, a technical assistant of President Quirino's office, asked them to disembark.

The reports add that Eugenio threatened to recommend that the Philippines decline admittance to over 5,000 more stateless Russians in China still awaiting transfer to a temporary refuge.

Eugenio, however, accepted an apology from Edward Papp, an officer of the International Refugee Organisation, and Papp's

proposal that Kluge be returned to Shanghai on board the Hwa Lien.

Eugenio said in a statement: "As long as they remain within territorial boundaries of the Philippines, the refugees shall take reasonable and lawful orders from the Philippine Government."

Kluge, prominent in the Shanghai Russian Emigrants Association, acted as leader of the refugees on board the IRO vessel. The Hwa Lien is due to pass through Manila en route to China today for another load of stateless persons.

Forty-four White Russians arrived from Shanghai by IRO chartered plane this morning. Another 50 arrived last night.

They'll Have To Salute

London, January 28. From February 1, when the Women's Auxiliary Air Force becomes the Women's Royal Air Force, it will be compulsory for airwomen to salute superiors—men and women.

This is part of the plan to bring discipline for airwomen more into line with that of airmen.—Reuter.

Vyshinsky's Hush-Hush Talks

Prague, January 27.

The Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, is tonight holding secret talks with East European Communist leaders in a fortress-like hotel on a hill overlooking Karlovy Vary, a West Bohemian spa centre.

Mr. Vyshinsky's arrival here this week coincided with the formation of the new Eastern European Economic Council. He went immediately to Karlovy Vary, where the Russians have sealed off a compound. Official sources maintain complete reserve about the purpose of his visit.

An official spokesman even denied any knowledge that he is in Czechoslovakia at all. Well-informed sources say that disagreements about political and economic policies among Eastern European Communist leaders need arbitration of the sort Mr. Vyshinsky is famous for supplying.—Reuter.

"Discourtesy" To A Minister

London, January 28.

The Empire Industries Association and the British Empire League today renewed their complaint that discourtesy had been shown to Mr. J. C. Gardiner, Canadian Minister for Agriculture, during his recent visit to Britain.

In a joint bulletin they said that their earlier statement, complaining that British Cabinet Ministers had insulted Mr. Gardiner by not attending a luncheon meeting he addressed in London, was aimed not only at the discourtesy shown to a Canadian Minister but also to the wider issue of the treatment of Canada by the British Government in the matter of trade.

This is a subject they hope to deal with in their next bulletin, they said.

The organisations said they have no hesitation in accepting the adequacy of the reasons which led Ministers away from the luncheon but it should not have been beyond their capacity to provide an efficient substitute in order that Mr. Gardiner might have been properly received.

"We know that there were at least seven Ministers, excluding the Prime Minister, who could have filled the gap," they declared.

"It is no excuse to say that Ministers had entertained Mr. Gardiner privately. Public courtesy, like justice, should not only be done but be seen to be done."

Mr. Gardiner, laughing off the insult complaint in Ottawa, said his relations with the British Cabinet have never been as warm as they are now.—Reuter.

DEEP DIFFERENCES IN SCANDINAVIA BLOC

Oslo, January 27.

There are deep differences of opinion on the character of any defence alliance it may be possible to bring about.

The Norwegian Foreign Minister, M. Halvard Lange, told the Norwegian Parliament this today—two days before leading Scandinavian Ministers begin defence talks in Oslo.

M. Lange said Norway has made a considerable concession in being willing to accept a Scandinavian defence alliance without any contractual connection with any greater regional security system.

The Prime Ministers, Defence and Foreign Ministers of Denmark, Norway and Sweden concluded on Sunday a meeting at which, diplomatic circles believe, the question of a link between the Scandinavian defence system and the proposed North Atlantic Pact was left unsettled.

A further meeting is to be held on Saturday. Mr. Lange added: "Sweden has made considerable concessions with regard to her traditional policy of neutrality by being willing to consider a mutually binding defensive alliance with Denmark and Norway."

He said all three countries are agreed that they must be able to obtain from abroad in good time and on agreed economic conditions the necessary material for extending and maintaining their defences.

Must Get Aid

M. Lange said: "They are agreed too on the findings of the Scandinavian Defence Committee (of military experts) that even a Scandinavian defensive alliance, with wide co-ordination of its defence plans, its fighting forces and its production with military material, cannot be strong enough to fulfil its purpose without supplies of war materials from abroad in peace time and military aid in the event of one or more of the countries in the alliance being attacked."

M. Lange said that the object of the meetings to be held here on Saturday is to ascertain whether Sweden and Norway will make concessions big enough to enable them to reach an agreement.

The Parliamentary Group of M. Lange's Socialist Party supported him in his policy in a statement issued today.

They urged Norwegian delegates to Saturday's discussion to try all means to achieve an identity of viewpoint with the other Scandinavian countries along the main lines of the Norwegian Government's policy followed so far.—Reuter.

RUSSIANS HAVE A QUARREL

Berlin, January 27.

Colonel Sergei Tulpanov, head of the Russian Military Administration's Political Division in Berlin, has applied for a transfer after a quarrel with Mr. V. S. Semenov, political adviser to Marshal Sokolovsky.

Marshal Sokolovsky is the Soviet Military Governor in Germany.

According to German circles in close touch with the Soviet Military Administration, friction has existed between Colonel Tulpanov, considered an advocate of the Cominform's expansionist policy, and Mr. Semenov, who supports a peaceful consolidation of the gains already won, since the latter was elevated to the rank of Ambassador-Extraordinary on January 6.—Reuter.

Red Fifth Column In America

Los Angeles, January 27.

Lieutenant General Ira C. Eaker, wartime Chief of the United States Air Staff, said today that Russia now has a fifth column in the United States that is the biggest and most powerful of any place in the world.

He told a local Service Club that more money is being lavished to undermine the American Government than was used in China.

Russia has a huge war potential, he said. With America's eight-hour five-day week and 140 million population, it will be difficult to build up a war potential as big as Russia's with her 180 million population working 15 hours, six days a week.

"This country should have a sound plan of campaign ready. We need overwhelming air power supplemented by adequate ground and naval forces and we also require better trained leadership than we had in the last war," he said.—Reuter.

Readjusting Germany's Frontiers

Paris, January 27.

Frontier rectifications with Germany, sought by Belgium, Holland, Denmark and France, are expected to be examined by a six-power Commission in Paris shortly.

A suggestion for this Commission to meet last Monday was found unsuitable because the United States Government has not yet appointed a representative to the Commission.

The talks between the United States, Britain, France, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg will be based on the preliminary carried out by a sub-committee.

The reasons for the American delay in appointing a representative can not be ascertained in Paris. One suggestion is that there is no immediate urgency in the matter and prefers the West German Constituent Assembly to complete its debates on Western Germany's Constitution first.—Reuter.

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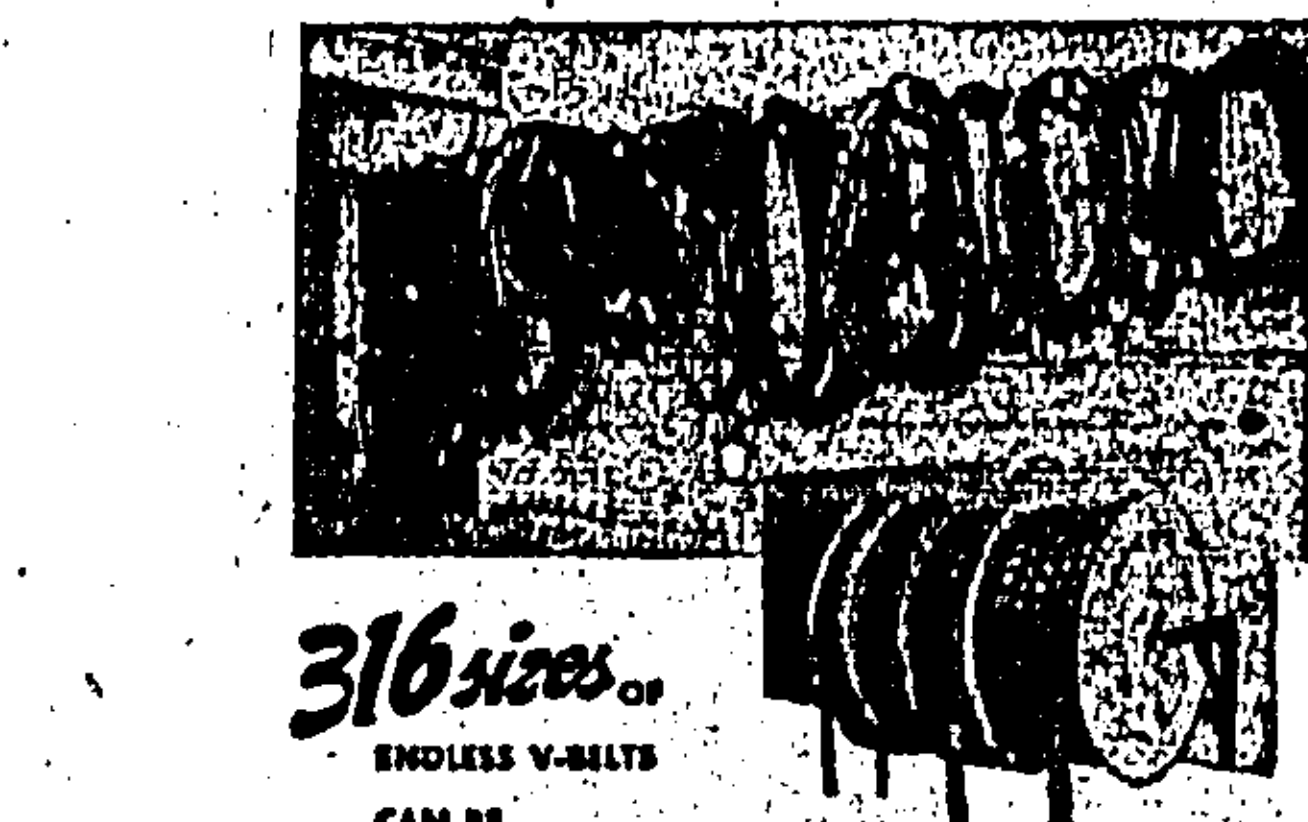
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PATRICK CAMPBELL'S PIECE

I was going through the remnants of the festival, getting everything ready for the new year, when I came upon a Christmas card from Mr. James A. Farley, former Postmaster-General of the United States. As usual, the card was addressed to Park A. Campbell. I've been getting Christmas cards from Mr. Farley for some time and they're always addressed to Park A. Campbell. I also receive a copy—rather unusual present—of Mr. Farley's annual speech to the shareholders of the soft-drinks corporation of which Mr. Farley is the president. Park A. Campbell again.

I met Mr. Farley several years ago in Dublin. He was on his way home to New York after a tour of Europe on behalf of UNRRA. I interviewed him. In the course of the interview I understood Mr. Farley to say that he thought the people of Europe were going to go pretty hungry unless they got something to eat. I wrote this down. It seemed to be exactly what Mr. Farley wanted to say, because he asked me round to his hotel for a drink. We had a short chat and then parted probably for ever. But some sort of bond seemed to have been established between us, because every year since then this Park A. Campbell correspondence has come in.

I like Park A. Campbell. He's become my elder brother. Park deals in news. He wouldn't be caught dead writing about laundry or making a wool rug. In New York he calls on Mr. Farley—whom he calls "Big Jim"—and any number of senators. He goes up to their apartments, and over highballs they tell him

in confidence about big mergers in oil. I hope he gets another card from Mr. Farley next Christmas. Contacts in the right place mean a lot to a man like Park. When a story breaks under Park's by-line you can bet your boots it's the genuine McCoy.

Big Jim might even come over here himself. I could interview him again, and give you the inside line on the soft-drinks situation some time before the other columnists even knew he'd arrived at the Savoy.

But there, once again I'm confusing our identities. There's Park and there's Patrick, and never the twain shall meet.

Carry on, Jeeves, and good hunting.

Assignment

"Well," said the man, short of conversation, "I suppose they're keeping you pretty busy." "Who?" I said. "The dogs? The snooker? balls? The seven dwarfs?" "Turn it up," said the man. "You know what I mean." "For the purpose," I said, "of what I'm going to tell you now I will presume you to mean the general public. They're not actually keeping me busy, but for at least two hours last week they certainly had me lashing around."

"I had a telephone call. The lady at the other end had either a frog in her throat or tonsillitis, or perhaps she was eating a currant bun. At any rate, I found her almost entirely inaudible. But after a lot of 'I'm terribly sorry'—can't hear—Oh, I see—thanks very much—No, no, no; at all—I understood her to say that she had a friend—her cousin, actually—who knew a lady at the Olympia Fun Fair who had a jolly good story."

"I didn't have time to ask if this was purely anecdotal or something for general consumption because at that moment the telephone lady was deprived, in toto, of the power of speech. Probably got the bun sideways in her gullet. She did, however, succeed in communicating to me her cousin's telephone number. I rang up the cousin."

The man was showing signs of uneasiness. "You'd better lean against the wall," I said. "This is going to take quite a long time. I rang up the cousin. She confirmed the fact that the lady at the fun-fair had a jolly good story, and said she would meet me outside at 2.30 p.m. Well, I got as far as Earl's Court by Underground. I have a blank place in my brain that makes me think that Earl's Court and Olympia are the same, so I had to take a taxi the rest of the way. For an unhappy chance the taxi-driver had to attend the West London Magistrates' Court at three o'clock. He'd been run into by a boy with an ice-cream tricycle."

"He told me all about it at enormous length, and then left me at the wrong entrance. I had to walk all the way back. By the time I arrived at the fun-fair entrance everything had become completely unreal. I couldn't imagine what I was doing there, and was even having difficulty in remembering my own name."

"Come on, now," said the man, "think a bit of an exaggeration." "You're not sensitive," I said. "Like me, I went into the fun fair. The place was almost empty, but all the machines were working—the giant races, the trips to the moon, the merry-go-rounds, the hoopla stalls. It was like a terrible dream. I wandered round for a while with the

hoops, man, roaring at me to come and have a go. I said I was of business. A couple of them began to follow me. They probably thought I was after the prizes. Suddenly I found the telephone lady's cousin. Or, more accurately, she pounced on me—with a husband, and five children."

"Five?" said the man. "Yep," I said. "Five. One of them was wearing a kilt. I had to take them on the giant racer. The lady said that she and her husband were too nervous. Half way round the giant racer I knew I must be asleep. Only an hour ago I'd been a newspaperman, and now here I WAS, the giant racer with five children. One of them had a tight grip on all the skin of my left arm.

"After that we caught ping-pong balls in a net, and then we threw wooden discs into a bucket. Subsequently we had a look at the smallest pony in the world, purchased chocolate, and had a bash at the scenic railway. I wanted to look at my identity card, but couldn't find it."

"What about the woman you were supposed to be getting the story from?" said the man. "I have to catch a train."

"She turned up all right," I said. "She had a daughter too—nice girl of about 13. That made four adults and six children. Quite a caravan. I was about to put some pressure on the story lady—just to find out as a preliminary, what in blazes the whole thing was about—when the story lady said she wanted some tea. Yes, at 3.15, with rock-cakes? I went along with her, and her daughter, to the rock-cakes? I went along with her, and her daughter, to the restaurant. The daughter had a tremendous 'Now, I said, 'let's have it simply and clearly.' 'Have what?' said the lady. 'Meatballs,' said the man. 'She didn't know what you were talking about?'

"She hadn't the faintest clue," I told him. "She didn't even know my name; or what I was supposed to be doing. We ironed it out in the end. The story lady said she'd been at a dinner party with the telephone lady—the second one, with all the children—and she'd had a couple of glasses of champagne, and had produced a rollicking account of the inside life of the fun fair almost entirely fictitious. The lady with the children then rang up her cousin, the one with the frog in her throat, and asked her to ask me to come round and hear the fun-fair lady's story."

"Tell me," said the man, "all that again."

"Cripes," said the man. "Just shows don't it? Tell me," he said after a moment, "what job did the fun-fair woman do in the fun fair?"

"I forgot," I said, "to ask"

Your life and Mine

by IRIS ASHLEY
"Clever Women Are Women Still"

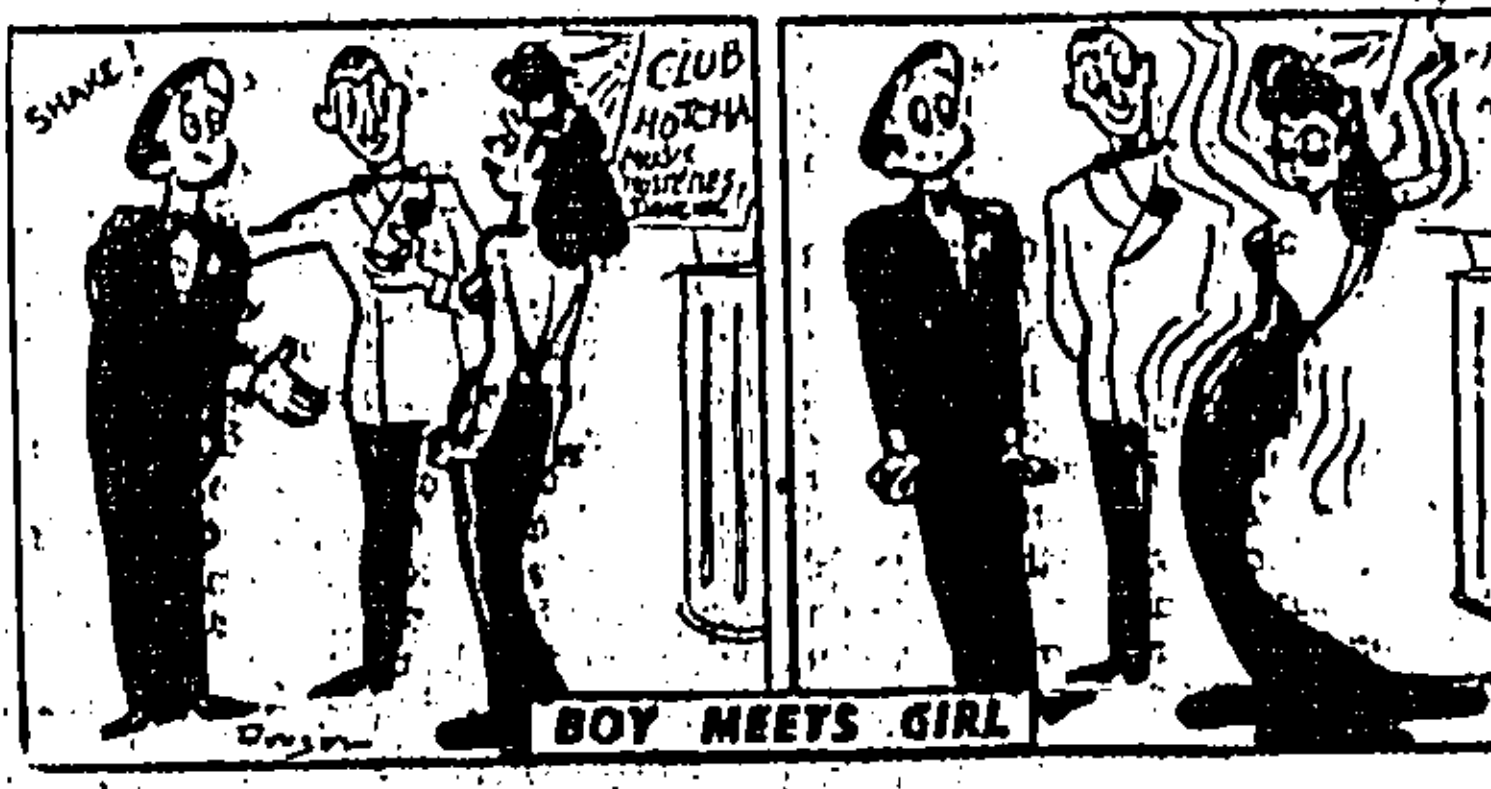
"Clever women aren't normal," said the man in the train, looking up from his newspaper. "Women ought to be domesticated, or the world will stop. Though it says this one has children..." he added grudgingly. It turned out that he had taken umbrage at Mrs. Joan Robinson, mother of two daughters and lecturer on economics at Cambridge, who was in the news because she is the sole woman on a Commission appointed by the Board of Trade to inquire into alleged monopolies. She is also reported as wearing "manly" clothes and saying she is not at all domesticated. And it is true women were accepted on these things as normally as Scotsmen or lawyers.

Well, one can't help wondering how women can expect to be accepted normally if they consider the hall-mark of intelligence is to be undomesticated. These women (and we can think of a few, can't we?) do their sex a great disservice by implication. Surely the truly emancipated woman is one who can cope successfully with some domesticity, look like a woman, and succeed as a woman. Easy to say, but who fits the recipe?

Believing that most people think of theatrical producer as a man, I thought it would be interesting to meet Irene Hentchel. "Who's Who in the Theatre" states that Miss Hentchel is married to Ivor Brown and gives a formidable list of her successful productions, the latest of which is the Gortulude Lawrence come-back, "September Tide."

A friendly voice answered my call and said this was Miss Hentchel speaking. To write about her? (The voice sounded surprised.) That was flattering, but she was a bit stuck. It seemed there were three nephews staying in the house, and she had been afraid of starving them. So she had overdone it somewhat, and the youngest was—er—indisposed. "Not much help. In the house these days... a bit difficult to get out," added the voice apologetically. "But would I care to visit her?" "You bet I would."

She has a round face, full of gaiety. She is middle-aged and could care less! She is very feminine. We talked of gardening and of designing scenes on the backs of envelopes in crowded trains. Of keeping chickens and how nice it was. Ann Todd got that film contract off Mrs. Hentchel had directed her in "Lottie Dandass." (Barbara Mulloy didn't do too badly after "Jeannie" either!) Of pushing one's whisk in air, to decide: Of course, that is when one must cross the stage. When reluctantly took my leave I said goodbye to a very charming producer and a very charming woman as well. The pretty brunette you see pictured here is Jill Craigie, who writes and directs films. Her first venture is a documentary type on



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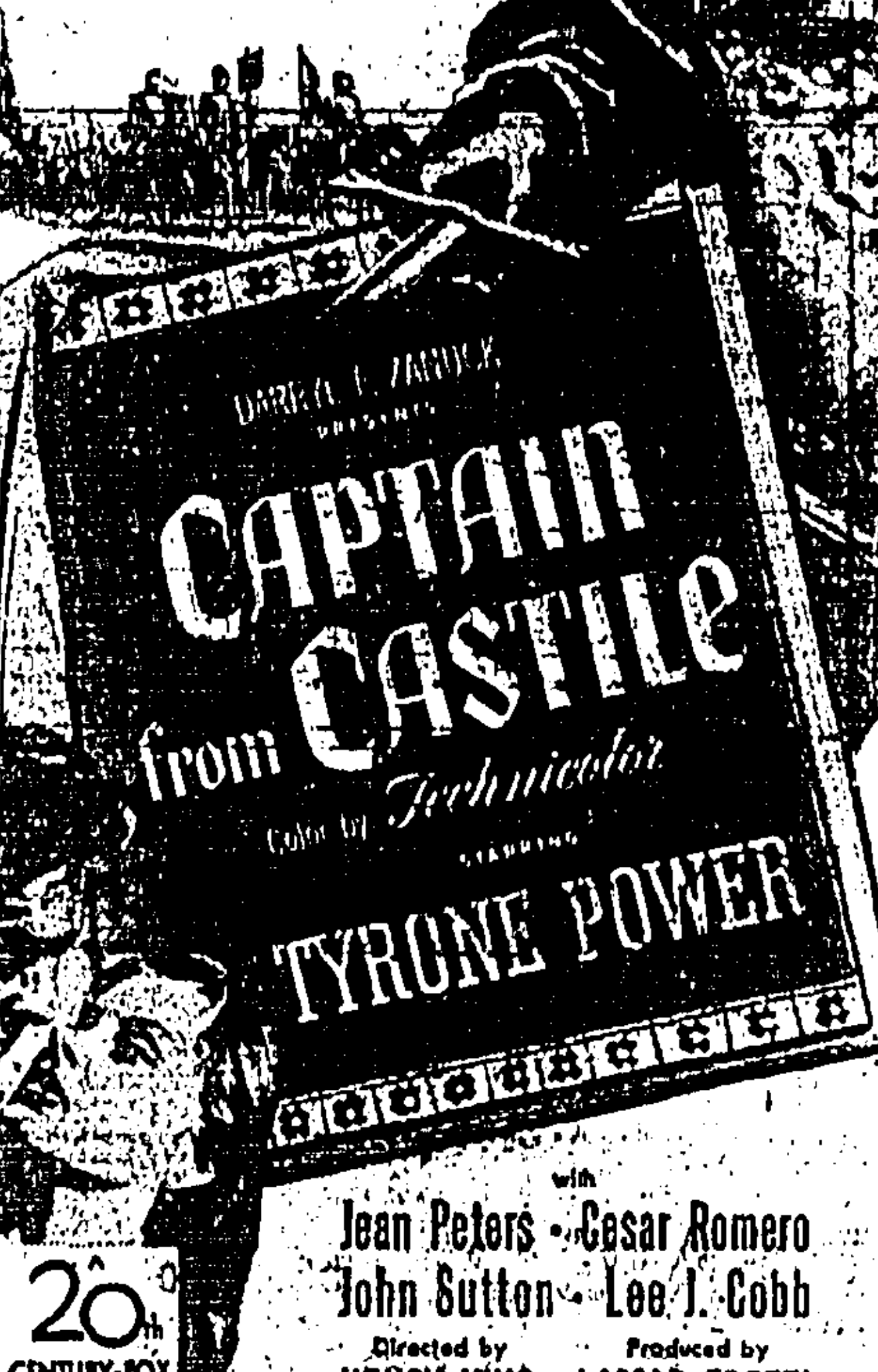
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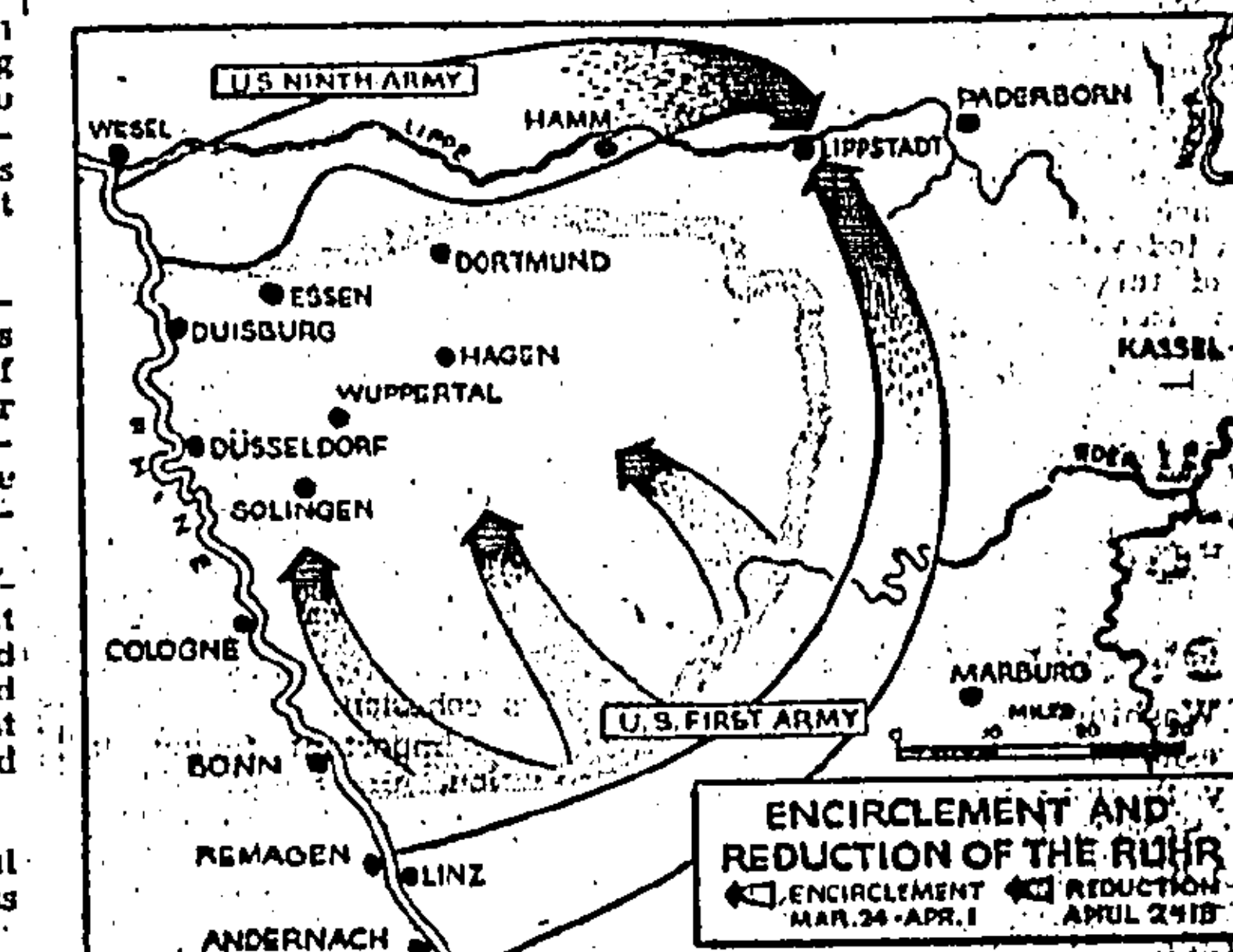
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the centre of Germany. By following this route his armies would traverse the central plateau of the country. Thus he would cross the rivers near their headwaters where they do not constitute the serious obstacles that they do in the Northern German plain near the sea. To assure Bradley of enough strength to drive uninterrupted across the country the U.S. Ninth Army was to be returned to his command. Additionally we organised for Bradley's group a new army, the Fifteenth, under the command of General Gero, which was to have two principal functions. It was to take over matters of military government in rear of advancing troops. It would also provide the necessary Allied strength on the Western bank of the Rhine facing the Ruhr to prevent any of the Germans in that region from raiding important points on our supply lines. West of the river, the command was further more charged with the command of the U.S. 80th Division, which, hundreds of miles to the Westward, was still containing the German garrisons in the Biscay ports of St. Nazaire and Lorient.

Bradley's advance with his three armies was to begin as soon as he had made sure that the German forces in the Ruhr could not interfere with his communications. I had no intention of

the final advances planned for them. This general plan was presented to Generalissimo Stalin. Under the arrangement made in January and approved by the Combined Chiefs of Staff, I thought that I was completely within the scope of my own authority and responsibility in communicating this plan to the Generalissimo. However, we quickly found that the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill seriously objected to my action. He disagreed with the plan and, held that, because the campaign was now approaching its end, troop manoeuvres had acquired a political significance that demanded the intervention of political leaders in the development of broad



conducting a bitter, house-to-house battle for the destruction of the Ruhr garrison. It was a thickly populated region with no indigenous sources of food supply. Hunger alone could certainly bring about eventual capitulation, and spare the Allies great numbers of casualties.

The second and third parts of the general plan visualised, following up Bradley's June advance with the Russians solving the Elbe, a rapid advance on each of our flanks. The Northern thrust would cut off Denmark; the Southern one would push into Austria and overrun the mountains West and South of that country. In the early stages of Bradley's advance the Sixth Army Group on the South and the Twenty-first Army Group on the left would advance generally in support of Bradley's main thrust, making as much progress as possible in the direction of their final objectives.

In turn, once Bradley had achieved his mission in the centre he would support Montgomery on the North and Devore on the South, as they undertook

operational plans. He apparently believed that my message to the Generalissimo had exceeded my authority to communicate with Moscow only on purely military matters. He was greatly disappointed and disturbed because my plan did not first throw Montgomery forward with all the strength I could give him from the American forces in the separate attempt to capture Berlin before the Russians could do so. He sent his views to Washington. The Prime Minister knew, of course, that, regardless of the distance the Allies might advance to the Eastward, he and the President had already agreed that the British and American occupation zones would be limited on the East by a line two hundred miles West of Berlin. Consequently his great insistence upon using all our resources in the hope of assuring the arrival of the Western Allies in Berlin ahead of the Russians must have been based on the conviction that great prestige and influence for the Western Allies would later derive from this achievement.

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When Britain gave up the mandate of Palestine in May, 1947, many thousands of us were too relieved for facile expression. We were tired of trying to solve an insoluble problem; endeavouring to fulfil mutually conflicting promises; pouring millions of sterling down a thankless drain; having scores of our young lads beaten up and murdered as "Fascist aggressors." But it didn't work out the way we hoped.

Britain still has a stake in the Middle East. Apart from the vital oil wells, there are lines of communication to consider. Of course, the new American power has precisely the same reasons for wanting a foothold in the area, but because of lack of past international commitments and her large Jewish home vote, she has not been the Aunt Sally. This is a role, incidentally, which the United States is yet destined to adopt, whether she likes it or not.

Even in London—or perhaps there as much as anywhere—critics of the various government's foreign policies with regard to the Eastern Mediterranean have been vocal. Yesterday's reports announced Mr. Churchill's attack on Mr. Bevin for his "astounding mishandling" of the situation. The wartime premier's view was that Britain's tardy recognition of Israel was inexcusable. The coming into being of this state, he declared, "is an event in world history, hardly to be viewed in the perspective of a generation or a century... or to be compared with recognition of some countries with their Communist banditti such as we are resisting in Malaya or the anarchist forces the Dutch are trying to resist in Indonesia."

The Bevin policy may be criticised by many, even those who recognise its hard-headed expediency. The Foreign Secretary might well admit that there is an even harder-headed expediency—the recognition of the inevitable. Few intelligent observers would deny that Britain, with other States, must sooner or later treat with Israel as a properly constituted government. Why not now? We have made many mistakes in that troubled land, although not one hundredth of what we have been blamed for, and the memory of injustice is long.

Whether we like it or not, the good opinion of the United States and her teeming production is vital to post-war Britain, and to support the Arabs, to the extent of holding armed troops on the Iraqi border, is folly, in spite of former treaties. Feeling against the Jews may run high—but who has forgotten Farouk reclining in Cairo and refusing the slightest hint to Montgomery when Rommel was on the march? The exiled Mufti, of course, was at that time having a cozy time with Hitler. If anyone thinks the Arabs are our firm and faithful allies now, he has only to spend a few weeks in Egypt, Iraq, Saudi Arabia etc. and have his opinion changed.

Britain has been kicked around enough in this area, and it is up to the government to recognise this. It is time for America to assume some real responsibility for this trouble spot and let us like our pores

When the enemy failed to eliminate the Remagen bridgehead in the early days of March he began frantically to build up the Southern defences of the Ruhr along the Sieg River. In the same way, when Montgomery catapulted across the Rhine in the Northern sector on March 24, the Germans hurriedly began to establish a line along the Northern flank of the Ruhr region. The double envelopment would therefore surround these defending forces, tear a wide gap in the centre, and open a path across the country to the Eastward.

I already knew of the Allied political agreements that divided Germany into post-hostilities occupation zones. The North South line allotted by that decision to the British and American nations ran from the vicinity of Lubeck, at the Eastern base of the Danish peninsula, generally Southward to the town of Eisenach and on Southward to the Austrian border.

This future division of Germany did not influence our military plans for the final conquest of the country. Military plans, I believed, should be devised with the single aim of speeding victory; by later adjustment troops of the several nations could be concentrated into their own national sectors.

A natural objective beyond the Ruhr was Berlin. It was politically and psychologically important as the symbol of remaining German power. I decided, however, that it was not the logical or the most desirable objective for the forces of the Western Allies.

When we stood on the Rhine in the last week of March we were three hundred miles from Berlin, with the obstacle of the Elbe still two hundred miles to our front.

The Russian forces were firmly established on the Oder with a bridgehead on its Western bank only thirty miles from Berlin. Our logistic strength, which included an ability to deliver to forward elements some 2000 tons of supplies by air transport every

day, would sustain our spearheads thrusting across Germany. But if we should plan for a power crossing of the Elbe, with the single purpose of attempting to invest Berlin, two things would happen. The first of these was that in all probability the Russian forces would be around the city long before we could reach there. The second was that to sustain a strong force at such a distance from our major bases along the Rhine would have meant the practical immobilisation of units along the remainder of the front. This I felt more than unwise; it was stupid. There were several other major purposes beyond the encirclement of the Ruhr, to be accomplished quickly.

It was desirable to thrust our spearheads rapidly across Germany to a junction with the Red forces, thus to divide the country and effectually prevent any possibility of German forces acting as a unit. It was important also to seize the town of Lubeck in the far North as quickly as possible. By so doing we would cut off all German troops remaining in the Danish peninsula as well as those still in Norway. Such a thrust would also gain the Northern ports in Germany through the capture of either Bremen or Hamburg, or both. This would again shorten our line of communications.

Equally important was the desirability of penetrating and destroying the so-called "National Redoubt." For many weeks we had been receiving reports that the Nazi intention in extremity, was to withdraw the cream of the SS, Gestapo, and other organisations fanatically devoted to Hitler, into the mountains of Southern Bavaria, Western Austria, and Northern Italy. There they expected to block the tortuous mountain passes and to

hold out indefinitely against the Allies. Such a stronghold could always be reduced, by eventual starvation if in no other way. But if the German was permitted to establish the Redoubt he might possibly force us to engage in a long-drawn-out guerrilla type of warfare, very costly also. Thus he could keep alive his desperate hope that through disagreement among the Allies he might yet be able to secure terms of unconditional surrender. The evidence was clear that the Nazi intended to make the attempt and I decided to give him no opportunity to carry it out.

Another Nazi purpose, somewhat akin to that of establishing a mountain fortress, was the organisation of an underground army, to which he gave the significant name of "Werewolves." The purpose of the Werewolf organisation, which was to be composed only of loyal followers of Hitler, was murder and terrorism. Boys and girls as well as adults were to be absorbed into the secret organisation with the hope of terrifying the countryside and making so difficult the problem of occupation that the conquering forces would presumably be glad to get out.

The way to stop this project—and such a development was always a possibility because of the passionate devotion to their Führer of so many young Germans—was to overrun the entire national territory before its organisation could be effected.

With these several considerations in mind I determined that as soon as the Twelfth and Twenty-first Army Groups could complete the Ruhr envelopment our next major advances would comprise three essential parts.

The first would be a powerful thrust by Bradley directly across

Britain And France

Such a visit as that of M. Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, to Mr. Bevin is no ordinary event; it represents a major effort in diplomacy. Nor can anyone argue that it was superfluous.

France is not only the nearest foreign State to Great Britain; she is and always has been Britain's natural door into Europe, the focus of what West-European civilisation from which through nine centuries our island has drawn so much, and to which it has in turn made such important contributions. When Western Germany became Easternised under Prussia from 1866 onwards, it was inevitable that the two European Great Powers still upholding Western ideas and the free way of life should eventually draw together in their defence as they did from the formation of the Entente onwards. Together they fought and won the first world war; and, if the fruits of that triumph were afterwards with almost incredible fickleness thrown away, the cause must be sought to a very important degree in the failure of Great Britain and France to prolong their co-operation after victory.

The Occupation

It would be tragic if that experience were to be repeated; yet it easily may be, unless we take care that it shall not. No one can pretend that the relations of the two countries since 1945 have been altogether happy. Apart from some clashes in the international field (much the worst being the unfortunate sequence of events whereby France lost Syria and the Lebanon), there have been estranging incidences nearer home. France emerged from the long shame of the German occupation demoralised both by the occupation itself and by the resistance to it. The visible advantage of unbroken Paris over bombed London disguised the invisible handicaps under which French recovery laboured. The events of 1940 had lowered French character in Anglo-Saxon eyes, and the developing story since 1944 did not tend to raise it again. After pity came disappointment, and then, very definitely, disapproval.

This reaction went further in the United States than in Great Britain. Certainly the conclusion among many American military men, that France must be written off in the event of war and no serious attempt be made to hold anything on the European mainland North of the Pyrenees, was not shared by British soldiers. Yet in considering the slowness of French recovery and the persistence of black-marketing, tax evasion, currency inflation and anarchy, it is not made in sufficient allowance for the depths from which the nation had to rise.

The active impediment to recovery in every Western country is the Communist Party. In France it was already peculiarly strong before the war, because at that time Soviet Russia was the ally of the French Republic. The Molotov-Hitler pact from August, 1939, to June, 1941, discredited the French Communists while it lasted; but after their Russian paymaster became interested in Hitler's downfall they were able to save their credit by activity in the resistance movement. At the first election held after the war they won so many seats that it was thought obligatory for some time to give them places in successive Cabinets. So long as there were Communist Ministers, they paralysed the action of the Cabinet.

Our concerns with her extend over Europe, Africa and Asia alike, and touch many subjects. But there can be no doubt what is to her the most important. It is that she should be secured against seeing her homeland once more overrun. She knows that the American and British forces at present on the Continent are not in a position to prevent that, while her own forces are disabled by lack of modern equipment. To repair these deficiencies is not easy—partly because neither the United States nor Great Britain has had the foresight to preserve enough of the abundant stores which they possessed at the end of the war. Nevertheless it urgently needs doing.

By Scrutator

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Further afield lie the African and Asiatic questions. Over few of them should accord be really difficult, but it is done, the less worth attaining. Never let us forget that upon accords of this type the original Anglo-French Entente was founded.

In these circumstances there is no justification for the over-optimistic view of France. True, she still has weak Governments; and usually will have, so long as she elects her Parliament by methods which foster a multiplicity of parties, and so entail

multi-party Cabinets. But her character as a great nation is struggling to reassert itself, and it is by confidence, not by distrust, that we can best help it to do so.

Quest For Security

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ALY KHAN DIVORCE PETITION

Paris, January 27. Prince Aly Khan's application for a divorce from his British-born wife, formerly the Hon. Mrs. L. Guinness, will have its first formal consideration in Chambers by the President of the Seine Tribunal in about a month's time.

The formalities were begun nearly a year ago, according to the Prince, who told reporters recently, "I am going to marry Rita Hayworth as soon as I am free."

As required by French law, the Court President, M. Rousselet, will first attempt to reconcile the couple. The month's delay was to inquire into the customs, laws and religion in the husband's "country of origin," according to a legal spokesman.

The legal address of the Prince and Begum was given as 36 Rue de Prony, in Paris's West End.

Prince Aly, son of the Aga Khan, spiritual ruler of millions of Indian Muslims, will be represented by Maître Pierre Deniot, and the Begum by Maître Pierre André Elieuvre.

Prince Aly Khan arrived in Paris today from Cannes, a member of the domestic staff of his Paris residence told Reuters. — Reuters.

Truman Plan For World Development

Washington, January 27. President Truman announced today that he has asked his new Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, to work out preliminary plans for his programme of developing the world's under-developed areas. Mr. Acheson will work out the plans in consultation with all Government departments, he said. Mr. Truman said his under-developed areas programme is part of his plans to make peace in the world. The idea has been in his mind ever since the Marshall Plan.

It is now the policy of the Administration and it will be implemented gradually. — Reuters.

Warning To West To Heed Asia

Boston, January 28.

"Nineteen Asian nations have spoken at New Delhi. It behooves the West to listen and understand."

So declares the "Christian Science Monitor" in an editorial today.

The Monitor adds: "The coming together of 19 nations, constituting more than 50 per cent of the world's population and one-third of United Nations membership, is as General Carlos Romulo declared, 'a massive political fact.' Failure of the Dutch in particular and the West in general to take proper account of that fact could lend disastrous force to the anti-European and even anti-white emotions which Asian demagogues and agitators are always trying to stir up, but to re-

cognise the new spirit of Asia and work to remove obstacles to co-operation is to strengthen the hands of more moderate Asian leadership."

"The New Delhi achievement could presage the emergence of a third great force in Asia to fill the vacuum between vanishing Colonialism and aggressive Communism."

The newspaper commends the conference for its "moderation" in presenting the resolution on Indonesia simply as a recommendation to the UN Security Council. — United Press.

Lake Success, January 27.

The Security Council's four-power resolution on Indonesia does not provide sufficient safeguards for the rapid withdrawal of Dutch forces.

Mr. L. N. Palar, Indonesian Republican representative, told the Security Council this when it resumed its debate on Indonesia today.

"The resolution is based on the assumption of Dutch willingness to comply with its terms. The fact is that so far the Dutch have refused to comply with even those decisions of the Council which are susceptible of immediate performance on their part," Mr. Palar said.

"I refer to the release of Republican officials and the cease fire order. These two directives form the basic groundwork essential to the success of the entire plan envisaged in the resolution."

"Even if the Netherlands should verbally accept the terms of the resolution, experience has clearly demonstrated that they will not in any event implement its terms."

Mr. Palar emphasised that in many respects the Council has drafted its resolution on the assumption that the Dutch have already succeeded in crushing the Republic of Indonesia militarily.

He quoted from reports by the United Nations Committee and from Netherlands Army sources to show that the position of the Dutch is far from being secure.

Feeling In Asia

The Indonesian representative urged that the withdrawal of Dutch troops be effected rapidly, and he claimed that this will not leave any vacuum in view of the fact that the Indonesian civil administration has maintained its cohesion.

Another important factor in the situation, Mr. Palar said, is the Delhi conference of Asian and Pacific nations. "The conference of the 19 countries in New Delhi bears witness to the strength of feeling among the participating governments about the Dutch action in Indonesia."

"It marks their earnest and urgent desire that this dispute between the Netherlands Government and the Republic, which endangers the peace of South East Asia and of the world, should be rapidly settled in accordance with the principles of the Charter."

"Apart from their deep-felt sympathy for the Indonesian

cause, these countries are closely connected with the problem of Indonesia. The outcome of the Indonesian problem will greatly affect their interest insofar that the question of war or peace in Indonesia is bound to have repercussions in the neighbouring countries.

"For that reason no measure can be taken nor any recommendation made which does not take into account the concepts of justice and the desire for the maintenance of peace prevailing in that large area of the world."

No Secret

Mr. Palar said the Dutch Foreign Minister has tried to claim that two-thirds of the Indonesian population supports the Dutch. "But this is a deliberate perversion. It is no secret that the majority of the population in Dutch-occupied territory has not relinquished its ideals as embodied in the Republic of Indonesia."

Even the Dutch military and economic policies, aimed at keeping Indonesians apart, have proved unavailing.

"In spite of the rigorous Dutch precautions, the elections held in Dutch-occupied territories have returned candidates of pro-Republican sympathies."

"It is of the utmost importance that, before March 1, the Republic should have control at least over its territory as determined by the 1946 agreement of January 17, 1946."

"The Republic must have the opportunity of free import and export during that period and the opportunity to obtain loans with which to start the rehabilitation of the destroyed areas under its control."

Guarantees Needed

Mr. Palar also demanded that if there is any cease fire, some guarantees be given that guerrillas will not be liquidated by the Dutch as "bandits." For this, some general amnesty should be arranged.

The stability of the final solution, he said, will depend largely on free elections in Indonesia. "It would be inconceivable, and therefore unacceptable to the Indonesian people, that free elections should be held in the presence of the Dutch Army and its administration."

The Council should therefore set a time limit for early elections and leave no loopholes for the Dutch to postpone them.

In conclusion, Mr. Palar urged the Council "to make the fullest possible use of the ideas contained in the New Delhi resolution and to embody them in the present resolution as amendments."

— Reuters.

U.N. AGAIN POSTPONES DECISION

Lake Success, January 28. At the Netherlands' request, the Security Council yesterday postponed for at least 24 hours a vote on a four-power proposal for settling the Indonesian conflict. Dr. J. H. Van Royen, the Netherlands representative, told the Council he waited 24 hours to consult his Government on amendments offered by delegates of the United States, China, Cuba and Norway. Those four are sponsoring the resolution. General A. G. L. McNaughton of Canada, Council President this month, said the request will be approved if no one objects. No one spoke up, but Dr. Philip C. Jessup, United States delegate, expressed regret that it is not possible to vote now. Dr. Jessup has been pressing for action to end the fight between the Netherlands and the Indonesian Republic. — Associated Press.

The Revolt Against Mr. Bevin

London, January 28. The Labour Cabinet today weighed the revolt within the Labour Party against its Palestine policy.

There are signs that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, is determined to ride out the storm.

A source close to the Cabinet said Britain probably will extend recognition to Israel before the Labourites hold their next Parliamentary meeting on Wednesday, and this may help to kill off the intra-party squabble.

TRADE UNIONIST FACES RE-TRIAL

Athens, January 28. It is learned that Tony Ambalios, one of the Greek trade unionists whose activities were suspended recently following worldwide protests, will be retried on completely new charges.

A military court prosecutor said that Ambalios will be tried with 35 others on February 2 for participating in alleged Communist moves in the Piraeus to organise Communist self-defence groups, and for raising funds for guerrilla forces. — Reuters.

LYNSKEY REPORT TO BE DEBATED

London, January 27. The report of the Lynskey Tribunal, which investigated allegations of corruption in Government circles, will be debated in the House of Commons next Thursday.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, will move a motion asking it to be accepted by the House. — Reuters.

London Meeting Of Foreign Ministers

London, January 27.

The Foreign Ministers of the five Brussels treaty powers, meeting here as the Consultative Council of the Western Union today discussed European Union and the proposed Atlantic Pact.

The Ministers who met at the Foreign Office were Mr. Ernest Bevin (Britain), M. Robert Schuman (France), M. Paul Henri Spaak (Belgium), Dr. D. U. Strikker (Netherlands) and M. Joseph Beck (Luxembourg).

None of the delegates will disclose any details of the day's proceedings—the first in the two-day conference. They are following their usual procedure at the end of each complete session.

No final programme for European Unity is expected to result from the present meeting. But it is believed the five powers will reaffirm their adherence to the principle of extending Western Union co-operation in the wider European field and that some practical machinery may be foreshadowed.

They will almost certainly undertake to give further immediate study to the separate reports of the Paris Special Committee for European Unity which has been examining the British and Franco-Belgian proposals.

Assuming that the Atlantic Union discussion was regarded as complete today, the Council is expected to consider tomorrow the co-ordination of policy on Palestine.

Observers forecast that the final communiqué tomorrow evening may record the Western Union's collective decision, in principle to grant de facto recognition, already announced by France, to the Government of Israel.

Tomorrow's agenda for the Council is expected to include German problems. These will have special reference to reparations and the report of the

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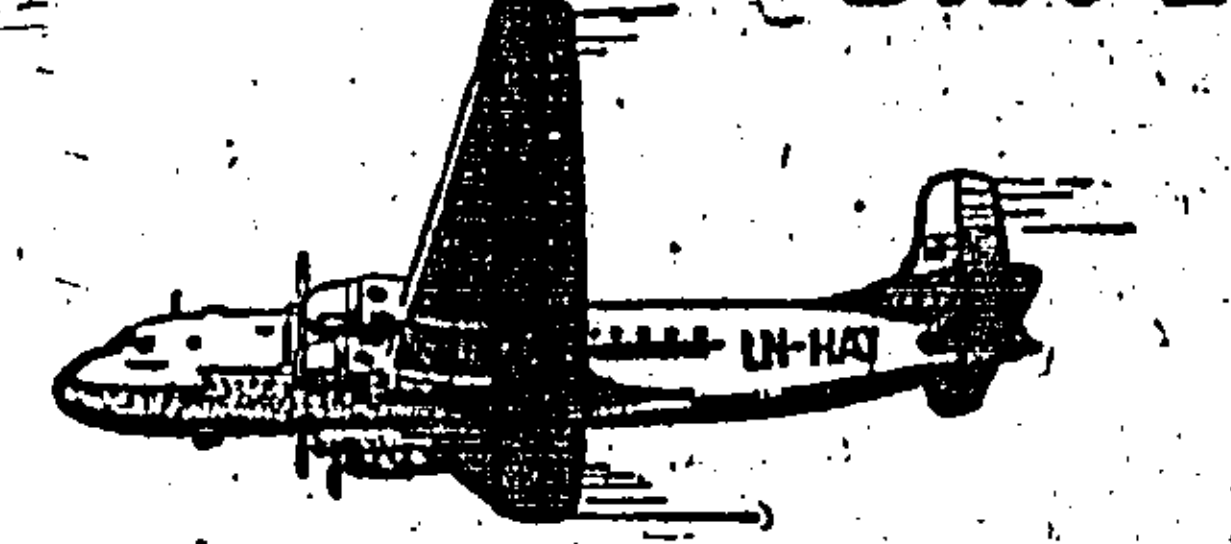
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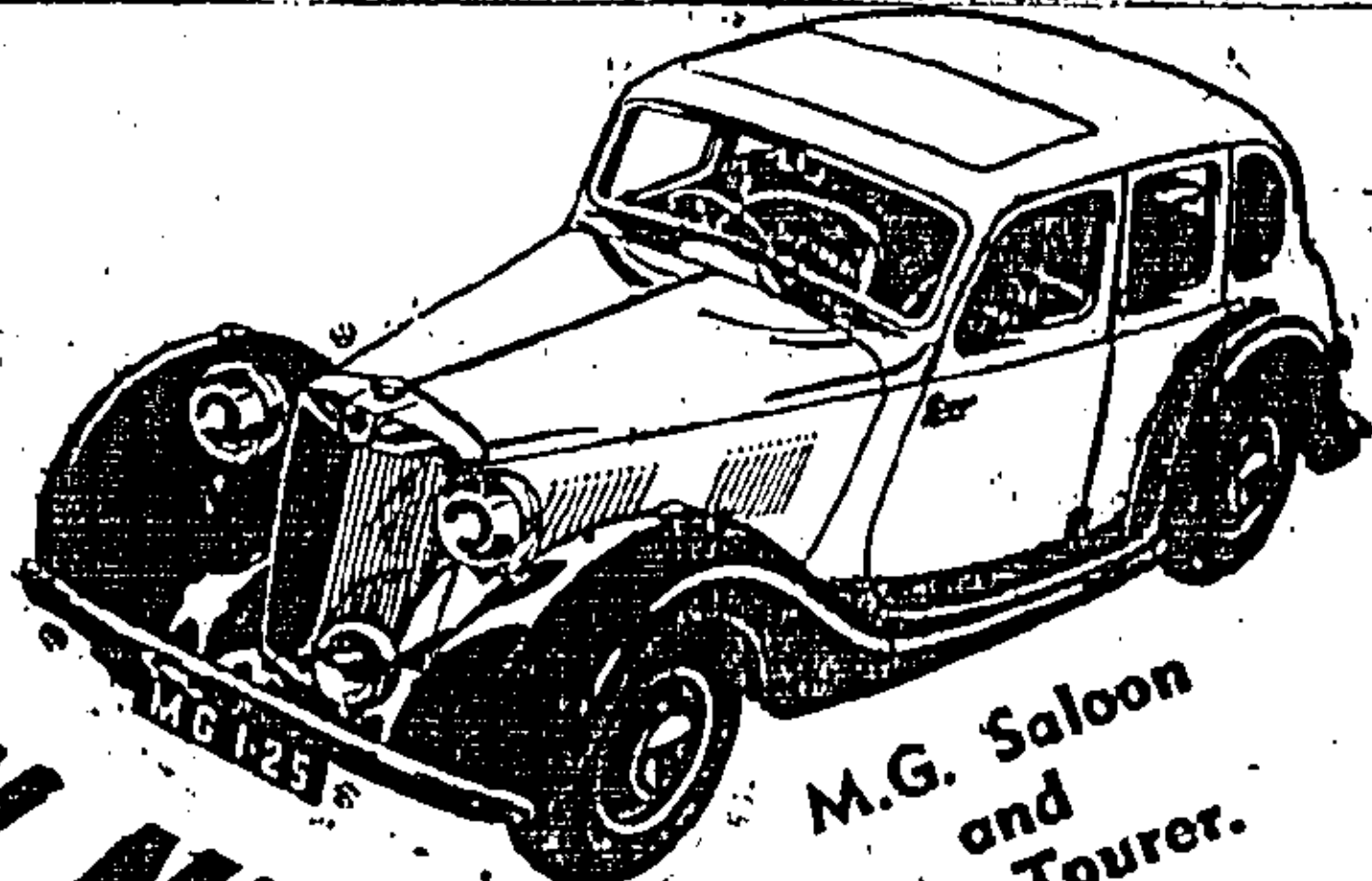
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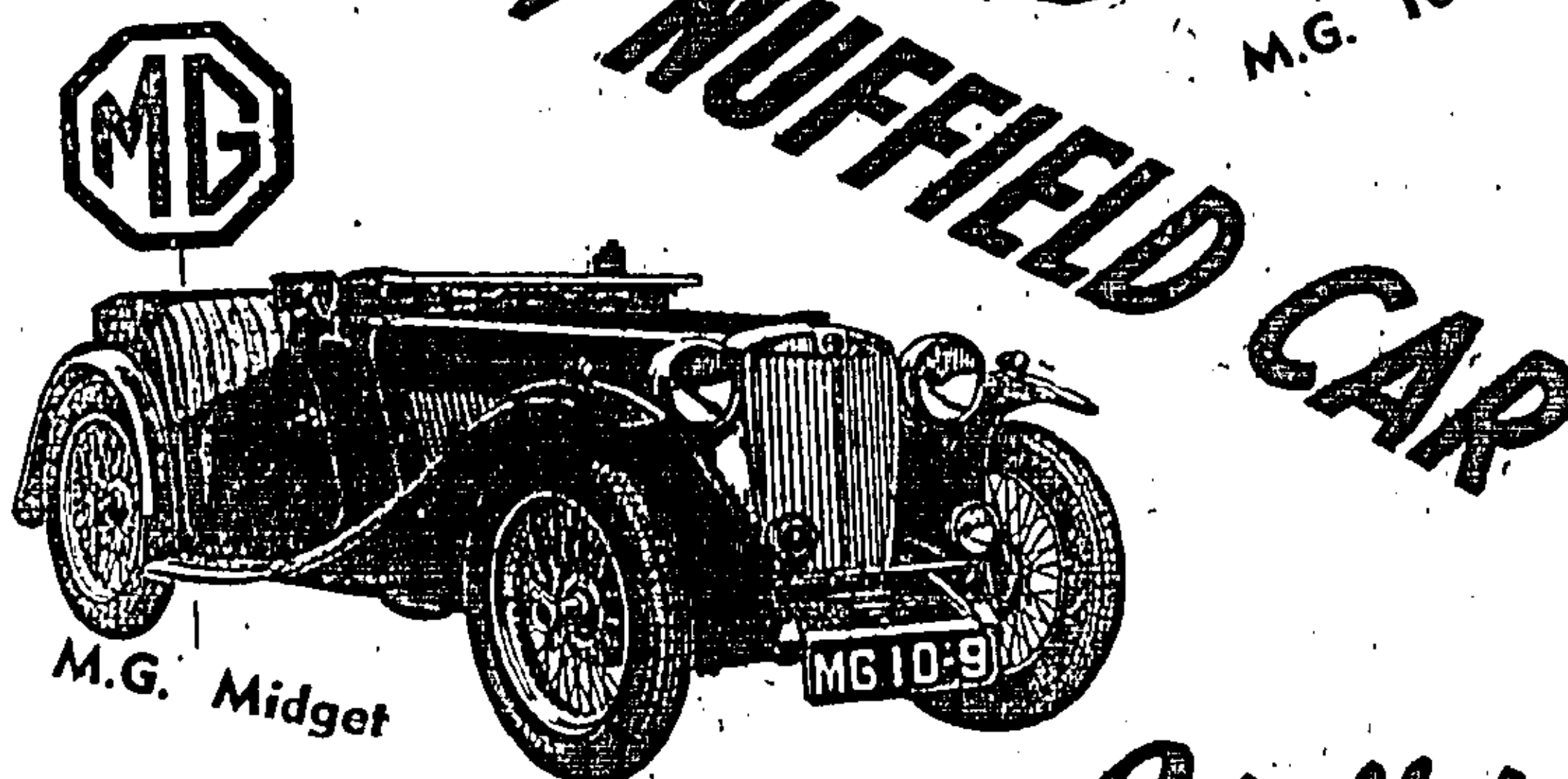
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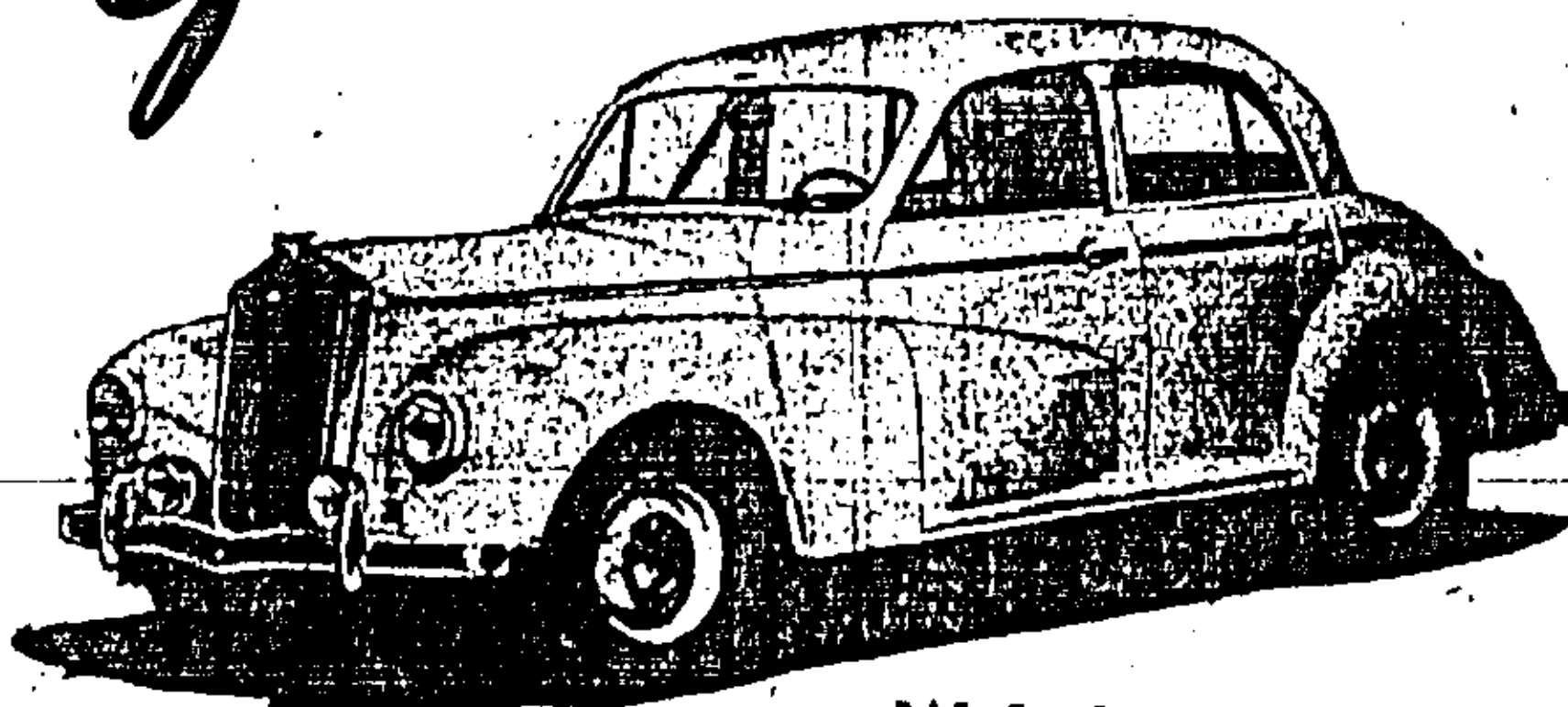


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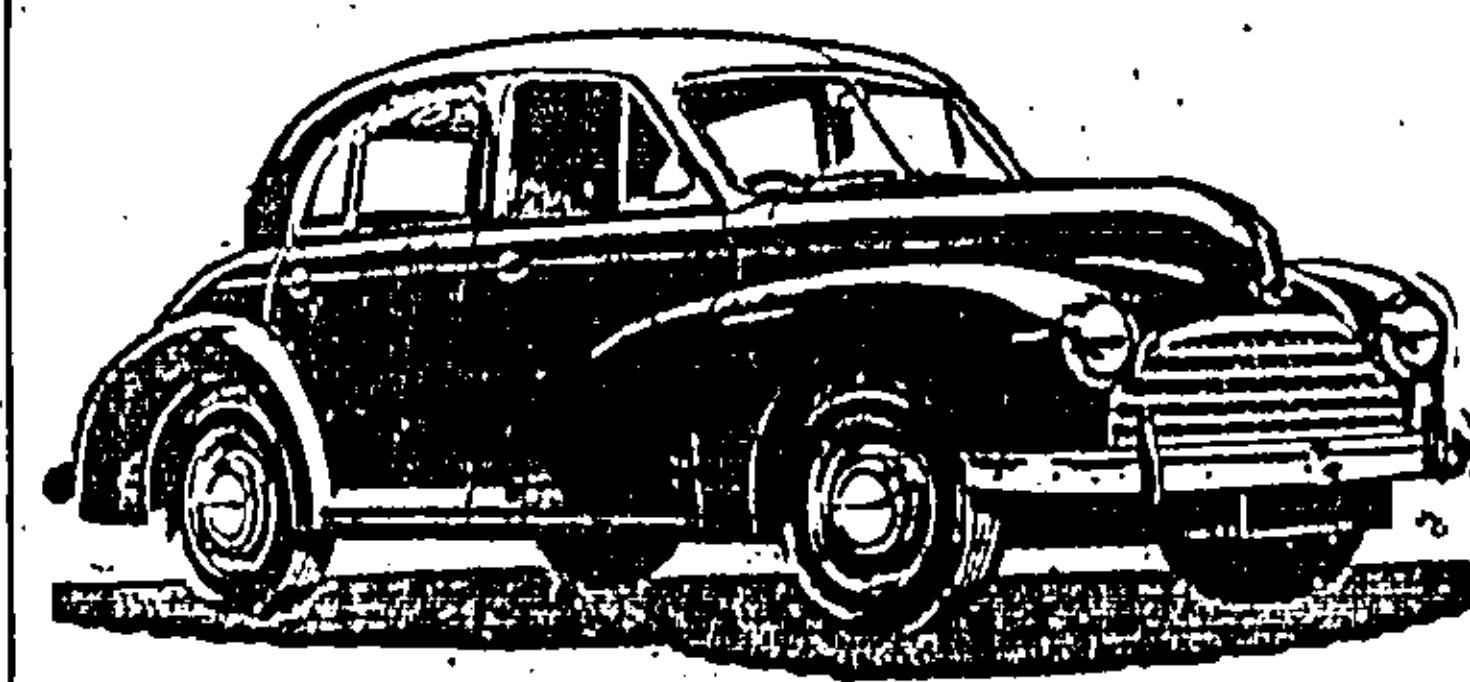


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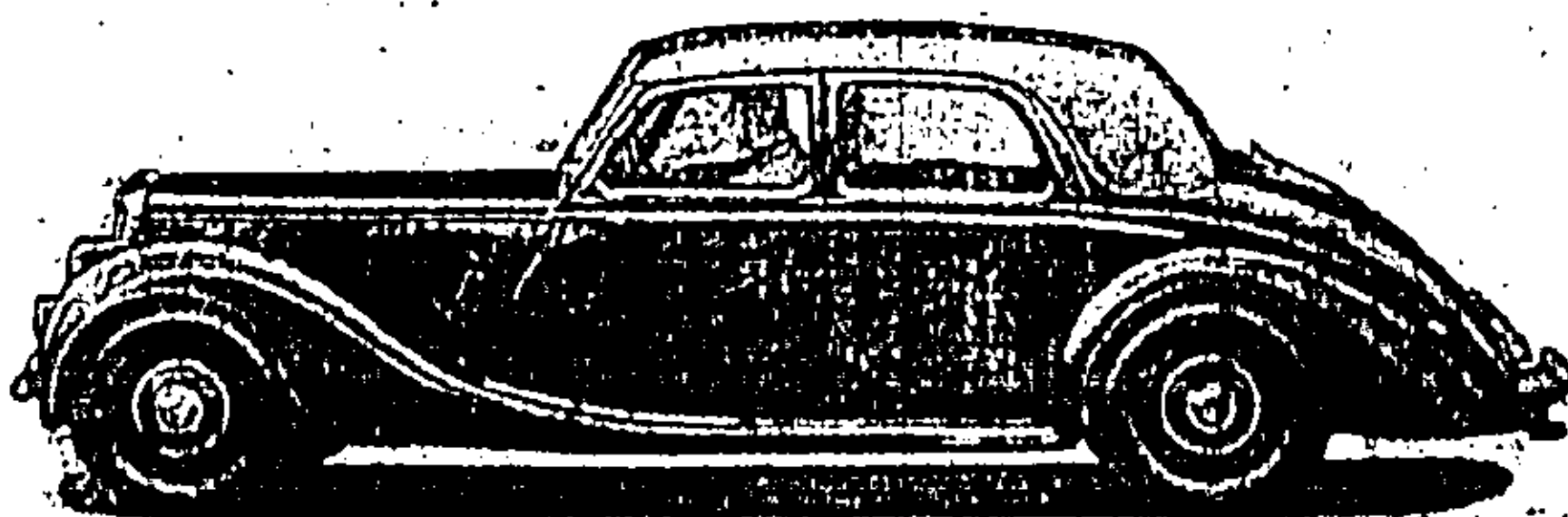
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EFFECT OF HORMONES ON THE LIFE SPAN

New York, January 28.

Male sex hormones make a man's life shorter than a woman's—65 years for him, 70 for her. Many reasons why were reported to the Gerontological Society at its annual meeting. The report was by Dr. James B. Hamilton of the Long Island College of Medicine, Brooklyn.

Sex itself is not the principal reason for shorter male life. The hormones, both male and female, are a driving force on the entire body. The male hormones drive harder.

Because of this, from cradle to grave, a man's body produces more heat than a woman's. The male manufactures more energy and takes more wear. Even a man's tan is partly due to male hormones. Dr. Hamilton told of giving male sex hormone shots to a Eunuch in midwinter. The man's skin thereupon tanned over his entire body, except where he had worn his bathing suit the previous summer. The hormones did all this winter tanning.

More Disease

Extra energy makes a man's blood a little different than a woman's.

There are diseases which attack one sex oftener than the other. For men, there are twice as many of these as for women.

Dr. Hamilton said that many of the sex differences in physique disappear among castrated men. These changes tend toward less hard wear on the body.

He said this shorter life for the male appears to be a biological law, because the same thing has been found in most of 70 species of lower animals, birds, amphibians and insects.—Associated Press.

BRITANNIA TROPHY AWARD

London, January 27.

The Committee of the Royal Aero Club has announced the award of the Britannia Trophy for 1948 to Group Captain John Cunningham for his achievement in establishing the aerobically altitude record for Great Britain in March, 1948.

When flying a De Havilland Vampire he attained a height of 57,446 feet.

The Gold Medal was awarded to John Douglas Derry, the first British subject to exceed the speed of sound; which he achieved when piloting a De Havilland 108 in September, 1948.

The Silver Medal goes to Alan Edgar Bristol as pilot of the Westland Sikorsky helicopter in revolutionizing the keepers of the Wolf Rock lighthouse from the air in February, 1948.—Reuter.

Peron Supporter Wants To Resign

Buenos Aires, January 28.

Senor Miguel Miranda has asked President Peron to relieve him of his duties as President of Argentina's National Economic Council.

Senor Miranda lost his power as Argentina's virtual economic dictator last week when President Peron set up two new Cabinet portfolios of Finance and Economy.

The two new Secretaries will become Ministers as soon as the necessary constitutional reforms have been put through.

Senor Miranda, who negotiated the Andes meat agreement with Britain, is known for his "tough" policy of getting his country the best possible trade terms in dealing with other countries and has clashed with the Foreign Minister, Senor Juan Bramuglia, who favours closer international collaboration.

Informed observers expect a change in Argentina's international political and financial policies after Senor Miranda is deposed by the President.

Senor Miranda pleaded ill health but said he is ready to collaborate with President Peron if needed.

"You know I am a sick man in need of rest and care," he wrote, "and I have recently suffered serious setbacks in my health."

"I could not in these conditions continue in my post. I know that in your generosity you must grant the resignation I request, but as a good soldier, if you believe my collaboration might be useful now or at any time in any post, no matter where, I should be proud and honoured to find myself again and sincerely as in the past at your side serving the country."—Reuter.

Race Issue In Africa

Capetown, January 27.

The Opposition Labour Member, Mr. J. Christie, today tabled a second amendment in the South African Assembly to the General Jan Smuts' motion of no-confidence in the National Government of Mr. Daniel Malan for its handling of racial and economic problems.

The amendment calls on the Government to appoint a Commission of both Houses to consider the Government's policy of racial separation.

It asks the Commission to examine the officially declared racial policies of the various parliamentary parties, and the findings of the Native Laws Commission, which made certain recommendations on the question.—Reuter.

RUSSIA ATTACKS NEW MEASURES FOR JAPAN

Washington, January 28.

Russia today attacked new measures ordered by the United States to restore Japan's economy and demanded that the programme be reviewed by all the wartime Pacific Allies.

The Soviet Ambassador, Alexander S. Panyushkin, accused the U.S. of bypassing the Far Eastern Commission when the measures were ordered into effect last month.

He made his demand at a closed door session of the Commission. It brought no immediate action.

The Soviet complaint was directed at an order issued by the State and Army Departments to General MacArthur to require the Japanese Government to tighten its price, wage and other controls. The stated object was to halt inflation and increase exports.

The order went out as an "interim directive" which the U.S. is empowered to issue, before the Commission was formally notified on December 11.

Mr. Panyushkin criticised this as an "evasion" and said that the directive itself is in "direct contradiction" to existing policies of the Commission about demilitarising the Japanese.

Renewing a frequent charge by Moscow, Mr. Panyushkin asserted that "large concerns" which assisted in Japanese wartime aggression "still continue to exist and occupy a dominant position in the economy of Japan."

"Vital Interests"

He also complained that the order to MacArthur contained no mention of the Commission's stated policy to "strengthen the democratic forces in Japan."

The Soviet complaint is 700 words long. Mr. Panyushkin read it to the Commission, and immediately made it public.

Mr. Panyushkin asserted that American authority to issue tentative directives to MacArthur does not permit actions independent of the other Allies "which touch upon the vital interests of the Japanese people" and the other Allies.

Calling on the Commission to "adopt its own decision" on the issue of restoring Japan, he said the Commission should require the U.S. to report on the manner in which General MacArthur already has carried out the Commission's policies on economic stabilization and disarmament of the Japanese.

Mr. Panyushkin called the American procedure "inadmissible" because, he said, it makes "fundamental changes" in the occupation, and any such action requires advance agreement with the Commission.

"In Conflict"

Specifically, Mr. Panyushkin contended that the latest stabilization measures are in conflict with Commission decisions on economic demilitarisation, reduction of Japanese industry, and

reduction of Japanese industrial war potential, resumption of peaceful economic activity, fiscal, monetary and banking policies, and policies on international trade and financial relations.

The American directive said the Japanese Government must "take such measures as will be necessary in connection with future requests" for American appropriations.

Officials said at the time that the substance of the directive had been communicated to the other 10 members of the Far Eastern Commission. They called that procedure "perfectly correct," maintaining that the U.S. has authority to issue interim orders to General MacArthur prior to formal action by the Commission.

After Mr. Panyushkin made his demands, FEC sources said the statement is under and "in reply may or may not be made."

While the Commission declined to comment on the charges, a source close to the Commission said: "It is another item in the process of finding out how SCAP is going to proceed to implement the new U.S. interim directive for improving Japan's economic position."

FEC Decisions

Mr. Panyushkin stated: "A list of measures provided for by the directive shows that the Supreme Commander is charged, together with the Japanese Government, with carrying out such measures which touch the vital interests of the Japanese people, as well as the interests of member Governments of the Far Eastern Commission which determined basic policies respecting Japan."

"It goes without saying that such measures in the field of the Japanese economy should be in accordance with Commission decisions on economic matters. I have in mind FEC decisions on the economic demilitarisation of Japan, reduction of the Japanese industrial war potential, resumption of peaceful economic activity, fiscal, monetary and banking policies, international trade and financial relations."—Associated Press.

Asked about the future of China aid after the current ECA appropriation is completed, Mr. Cleveland said: "That is a matter to be determined by the President, the Congress and the Department of State."—Associated Press.

American Warning On Wheat Pact

Washington, January 28.

The Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Charles Brannan, gave the 48-nation International Wheat Conference a blunt warning that it will be difficult to enact an agreement to satisfy everyone.

He said he is sure, however, that the conference will come up with a wheat pact that will benefit both exporting and importing countries by stabilizing the world wheat market at prices fair to both.

"If the task were easy," Mr. Brannan said, "we would have had an agreement long ago."

Mr. Brannan, who is temporary chairman of the conference, said that the large number of nations present is a good sign. He does not believe the presence of Russia and Argentina will complicate the job of drafting an agreement.

"They come in a spirit of cooperation and we welcome them on that basis," he said. "The previous pact, signed by only 30 nations, died when the U.S. 80th Congress failed to ratify it. Argentina had an observer at last year's meeting, but did not sign the final pact."

Thefts At UN Meeting

Paris, January 27.

It was stated in a Paris court today that gloves belonging to Dr. Herbert Evatt, President of the United Nations, were among several articles stolen during the recent General Assembly meeting. Other thefts included three typewriters, about 100 electric bulbs, 15 delegates' seats, 200 listening sets and documents stolen from the offices of the United States delegation. The list was read by the defence counsel of four office boys fined \$1 sterling each for stealing a fountain pen and two bottles of nail varnish from United Nations Headquarters.—Reuter.

China Aid To Be Continued

Washington, January 28.

Harlan Cleveland, Director of the Economic Co-operation Administration, said last night that American aid to China valued at about US\$50,000,000 will continue until further notice.

Mr. Cleveland repeated statements made earlier this week that ECA will continue distributing the foodstuffs and other commodities valued at about US\$4,000,000 which are now in Communist-held Tientsin and Peking. But, he emphasized, none of the new shipments will be sent to occupied areas.

He listed the following allotments for aid which will be continued to Nationalist China: US\$1,000,000 for rice to feed the population of Shanghai and large South China cities; US\$15,000,000 for cotton; US\$5,000,000 for fertilizer to be used in spring planting and US\$5,000,000 for fuel oil for South China cities.

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INDIAN COTTON

Tokyo, January 28.

Japanese Board of Trade sources said today two or three Japanese business men, acting as advisers, may accompany a SCAP official to Pakistan for the purchase of an estimated 1,000,000 bales of Indian cotton.

The Board of Trade is considering sending one representative from the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Company and one from the Gocho Trading Company. SCAP's authorization is granted. Press.

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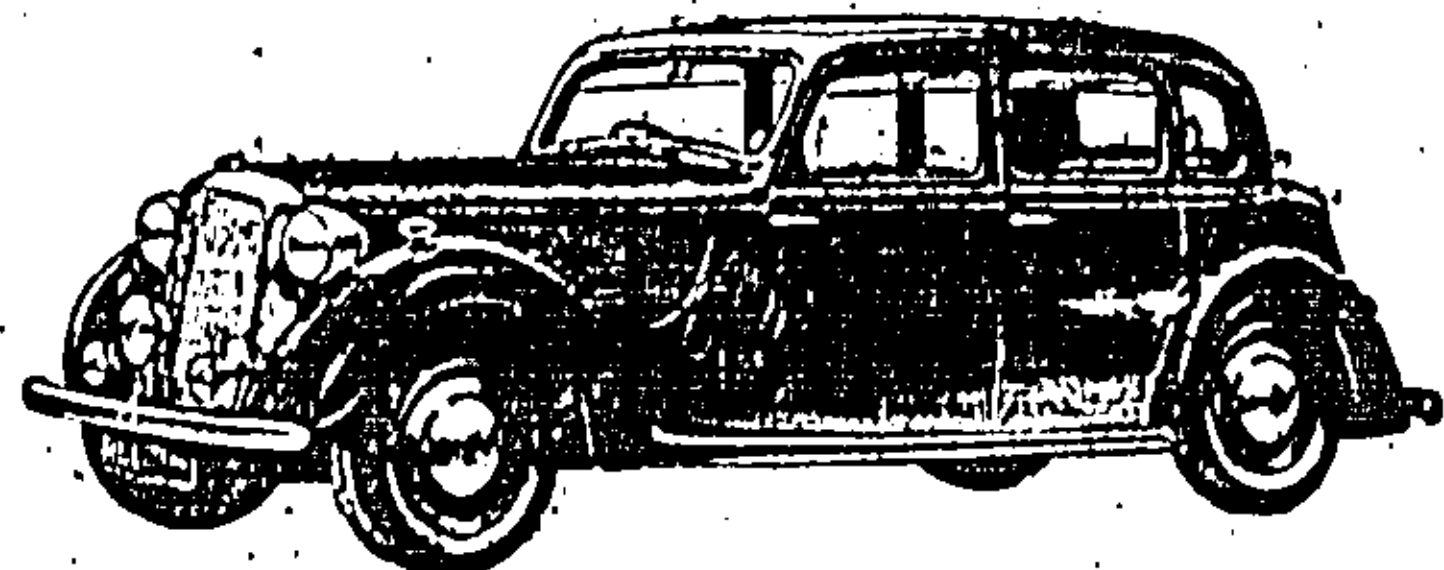
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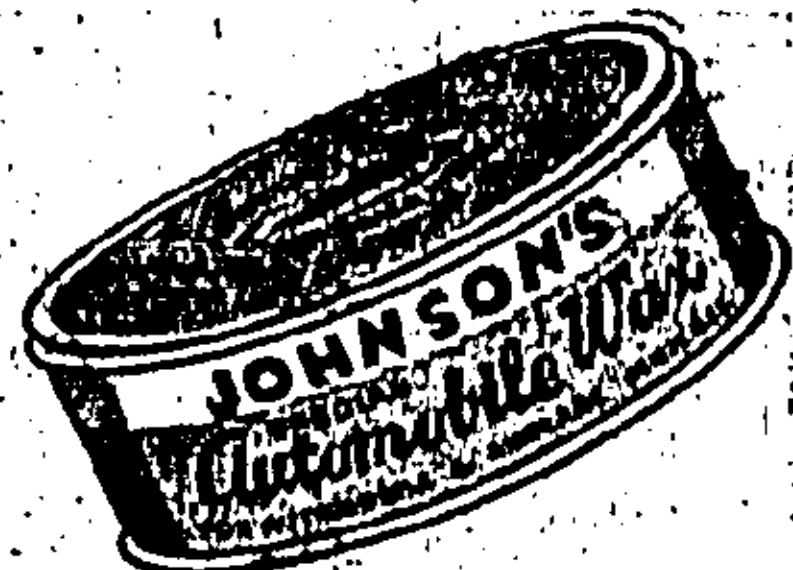
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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

MASS PRODUCTION BRINGS NEW PROBLEMS TO GARAGE OWNERS

Readers who can recall the early days of motoring will be able to appreciate the great change which has come over the industry since that time. Once each car was a hand-made product, and its owner was, (and indeed had to be), an enthusiast who would be prepared to spend time and labour on light repairs and greasing his own vehicle.

Similarly, the old type garage proprietor was primarily an engineer. As no spare parts were made by the manufacturer, any serious breakages had to be remedied by him, and his principle source of livelihood was from producing these parts on his own lathes.

The change, initiated by Henry Ford, to the mass production of vehicles, which were accompanied to their distributors by packs of spare parts, meant that the garage had to change from a workshop to a retail shop for spares.

their operation. This third category consists of some form of air compressor, suited to the locality in which it is to be installed, which provides driving power for the various forms of pumps, sprays and, of course, tyre inflators, together with an hydraulic lift or greasing pit.

The static equipment is normally grouped in enclosed batteries giving protection from dust and at the same time presenting a smart and workmanlike appearance. These batteries frequently include controls for the operation of the hydraulic vehicle lifts, one or more of which may be operated from the same source. Inside the batteries are storage containers for the various types of lubricant required and self-recalling boxes for their dispensation. Inset meters measure quantities issued with great accuracy.

Mobile equipment mainly comprises various types of oil and grease dispensers, mounted on wheels for easy manoeuvring, which can be coupled by a simple action to the standing compressor in main.

Various other minor accessories are included under this heading.

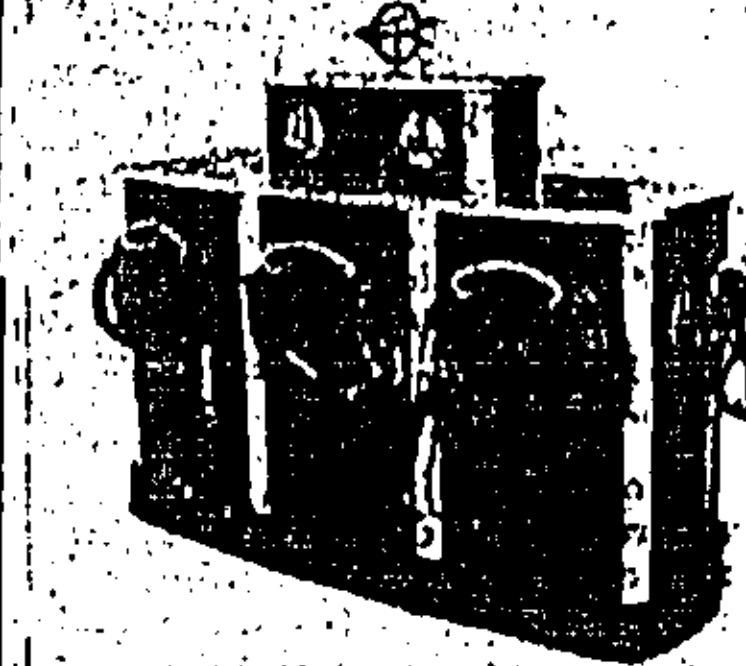


A mobile service station. This shows the ease with which the unit can be mounted on a trailer or lorry.

accessories and petrol. As a result, the garage is now concerned only with very light emergency engineering, maintenance and servicing.

This change of status has had to be paralleled by a change in the state of mind of the proprietor. In other words, he has had to cultivate the retail store outlook, although badly handicapped by being unable to display his wares in the usual manner of retailers in other trades. In place of window display, he has to depend on the general appearance of cleanliness of his premises, coupled with efficiency and quick service offered through the medium of up-to-date equipment, which now replaces the bucket-and-hammer age with its spanners, rags and pools of oil.

Present day manufacturers of garage equipment have specialised in the production and installation of equipment designed



Another type battery of an entirely different appearance.

from mobile waste oil containers and drains through an elaborate range of portable hand grease guns and down to the very simplest types.

A further development in the science of lubrication has been the production of specialised systems for heavy vehicles, such as the "Synchro" Mileage Controlled Lubricator, shown on this page. The general principle behind this apparatus is that chassis bearings are automatically lubricated, without any dependence on fallible human nature, by a metered quantity of oil at predetermined distances.

Continuous research has taken place in the various problems of overseas markets, and the latest development is in fact a completely mobile service station, comprising a petrol-driven air compressor which powers a number of standard pumps similar to those in the static batteries, all mounted on a single compact chassis. This can be secured on to a lorry or trailer for movement between points at which its services are required. It can be operated either direct from its carrying vehicle or from a static position, where it can be left and later collected.

A further piece of equipment specially designed to fill a long



A typical modern garage servicing bay layout. Showing batteries, vehicle lifts and auxiliary equipment.



"Synchro" pump mounted on the chassis of a heavy goods vehicle.

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Gas Turbine Engine

There are exciting possibilities of a gas turbine engine suitable for small cars—the first in the world—being available for tests in Britain early in 1940. Tests with larger units have proved so successful that a turbine for a small car is now being designed.

Power Unit Limited, of Brentford, Middlesex, England, who have had a 160 brake horsepower turbine unit on test for over 12 months, are satisfied that small jet cars will be on the roads of Britain in a not distant future. The great advantages of a gas turbine car would be simplification—the orthodox gear-box, clutch and transmission units would disappear—while car designers would be given unlimited scope in providing roomier bodies. Gas turbines in cars will simplify driving, make cars faster and production cheaper.

Drivers will, merely have to steer, brake and control the speed, without having any trouble with gear churning. The gas turbine car will run on almost any fuel. One aircraft jet has been run on coal-dust. The gas turbine for cars is not water-cooled so there is no need of a radiator.

PLYMOUTH, Indiana.—Alvin Leonard had to pay a garage US\$2 after police "stole" his car. Leonard reported the car had been stolen when it was gone from its parking place. Police men confessed they took the car, believing it stolen, and had it towed to a local garage. Leonard got it back after paying the garage a US\$2 tow bill.—United Press.

You're Invited To Australia

All prospective visitors to Australia from Hong Kong have been invited to attend the International Motor Show as guests of the Automotive Products Manufacturers Association of Australia.

The show will be held in Melbourne this April.

Acting Australian Government Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong, Mr. H. H. Rankine, informs that all visitors from the Colony will be entertained— together with guests from other countries—at a dinner and at various other functions in order to make their visit an informative and pleasant occasion.

Persons who intend to make use of this invitation may secure complete details by writing: Mr. Stan H. Earle, Executive Director of the Automotive Products Manufacturers Association of Australia, at 355 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.

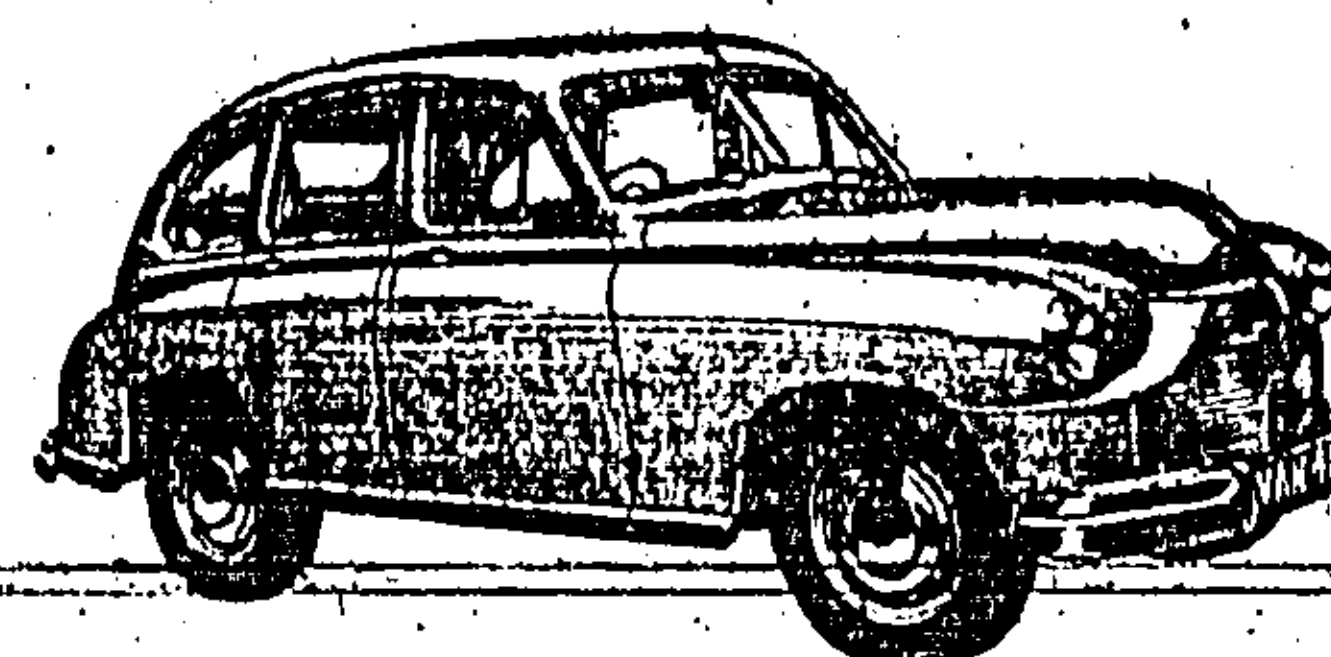
RECORD FOR 1948

The British motor industry's great production and export feat of 1948—it achieved an output almost one-fifth greater than the record 1947 volume—is reflected in reports just issued by three leading firms.

Austin Motors announced that thanks to considerably increased production no less than 285 of their vehicles were exported every working day of the year. Ford Motor Company report that overseas currency earnings for 1948 amounted to £228,500,000 while Leylands are able to state that they made overseas shipments more than two and a half times greater than their 1947 exports, on all-time record.

CLEVELAND—Until motorists discard the theory that accidents happen only to the "other fellow," the struggle to reduce traffic mishaps may as well be given up the Taxis Industry, national trade publication, says. Only one-fifth of all fatal motor accidents can be attributed to mechanical faults or failures, the remainder mainly to human errors, according to the publication.—United Press.

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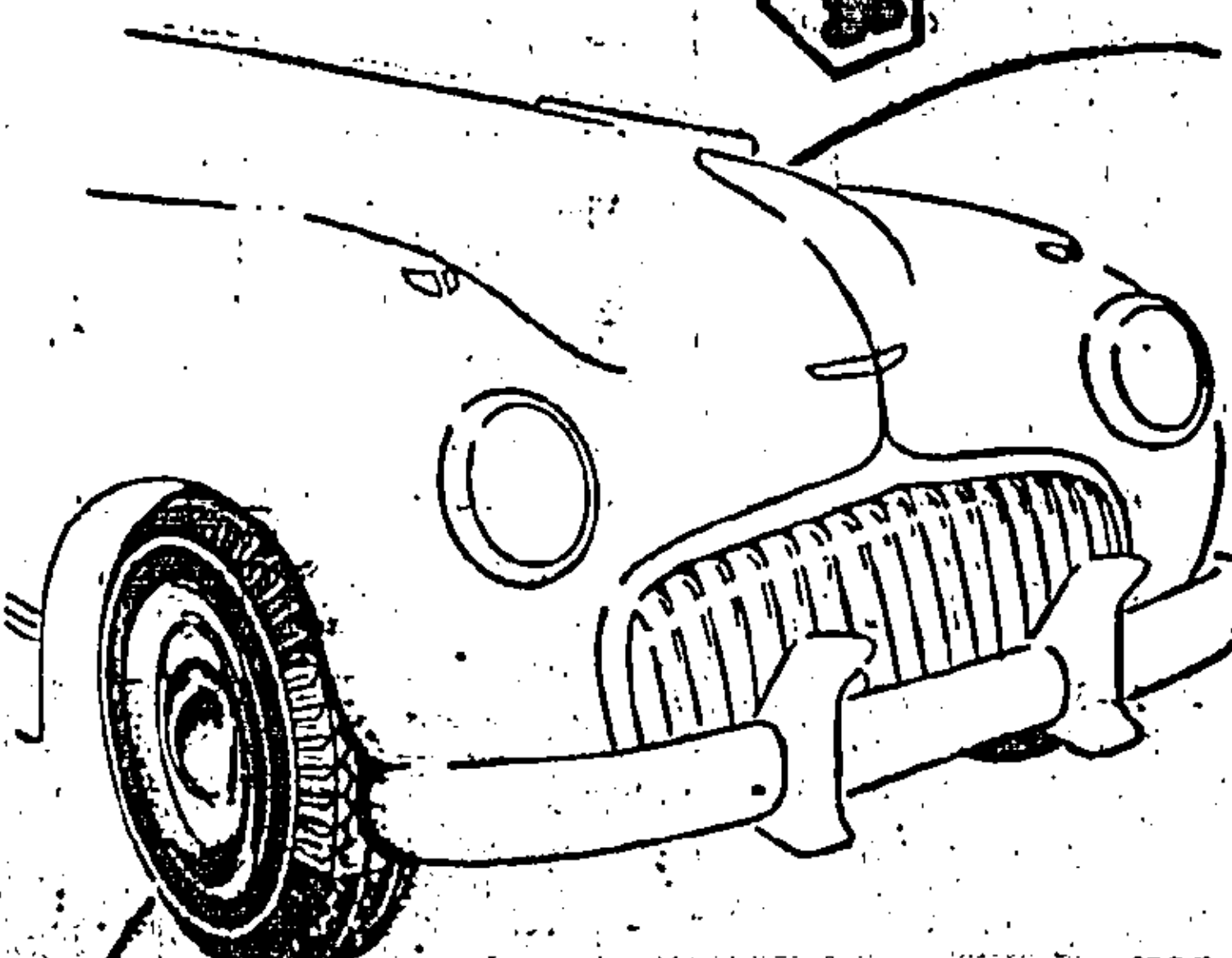
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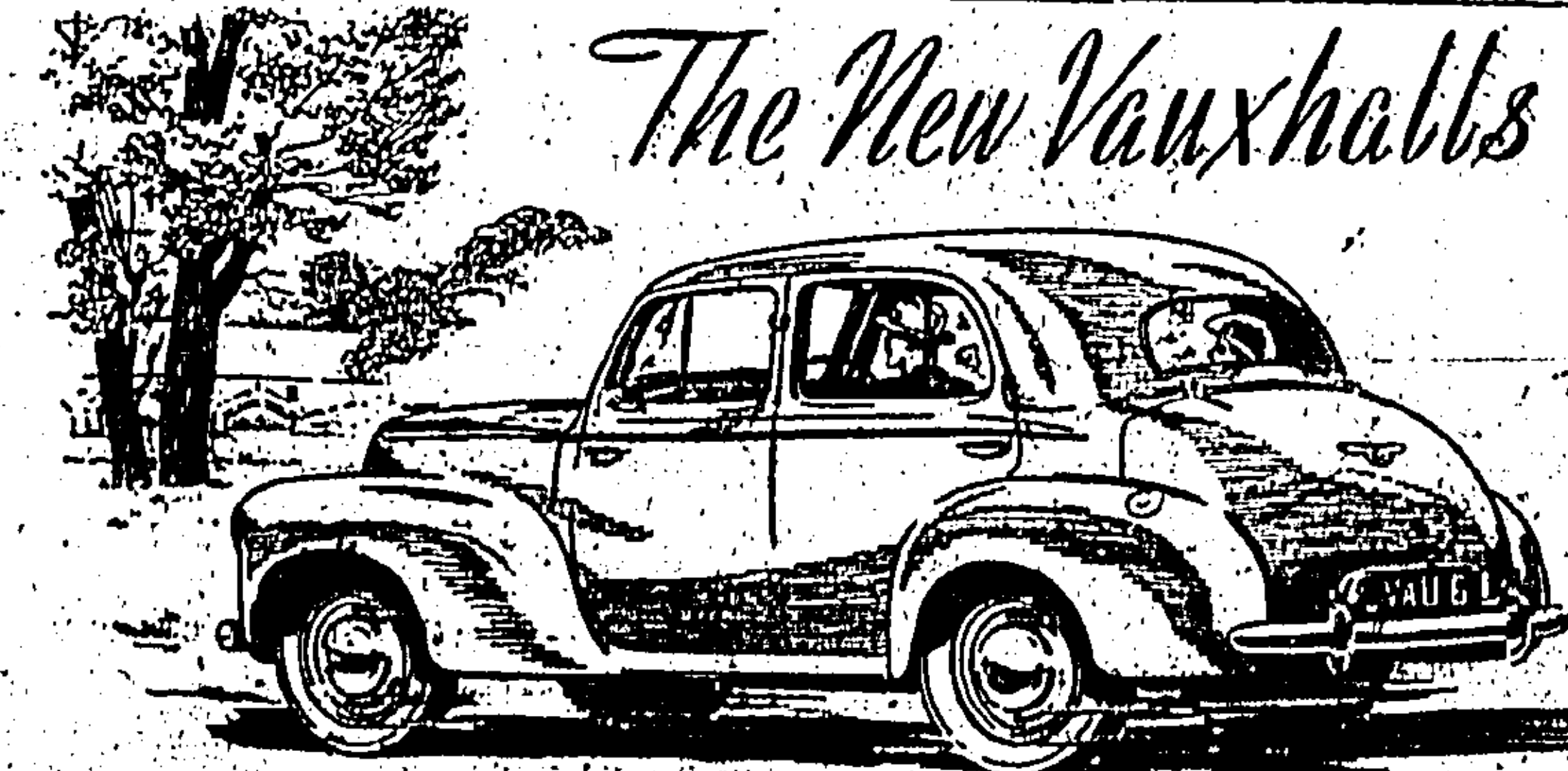
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BETWEEN OURSELVES FASHION NOTES FOR SPRING

By JANET MARTIN

Spring is in the air again and a new fashion season just ahead. The top line of fashion nows is that the "New Look" exemplified by the very nipped-in waist and the very full and flowing skirt, has had its day at last.

Many of us will heave a sigh of relief, for it was a fashion definitely for the few—only for those who have a tiny waist-and willowy figure to start with. The line is still with us, for those who can wear it, but in a modified form, and mainly for evening wear, for cocktail frocks, for the teen-ager and, looking even further ahead, for summer cotton frocks.

In general, however, there is a distinct movement towards simpler lines. Heralded by the tailored simplicity of the winter season's coat frocks, come spring models with a clearer, more natural silhouette.

Where there is fullness, it keeps to the back to give a surprise of contrasting line when you turn around. Gowns and suits, cut on the plainest and straightest lines in front, break into a flurry of pleats, folds, basques and bustles at the back, or add back detail of hip pockets and sack pockets in bustle effect.

Spring always gives us a feeling for something fresh and crisp as a trimming. This season, lace is the answer, heavy cotton or linen lace, starched and stiffened to form a ruff collar or jabot for your spring suit, or left unstiffened as an edging.

Sloping Shoulders

A lovely linen suit from Paris suggests this idea. In pastel blue linen, it is cut with sloping shoulders to the jacket, fitted neatly, but not too closely to the waist and with a modified basque, smooth fitting at the front, fluted at the back. The skirt is plain at the front too, but falls in loose folds at the back. Jacket and skirt hem are edged all round with coarse black lace.

Shoulder news includes slight padding for the formal costume and coat, but only enough to ensure perfect set of sleeve and armhole without any suggestion of squareness.

Necks for afternoon frocks are scooped out back and front with a corresponding width across, edged round with a soft fold of cloth, bias cut, or stiffened lace.

Hats remain small, for spring, with a promise of wider brims to come for summer. They are side-slanted, hugging the back of the head, or forward tilted over the temple. The return of the forward tilt will be welcomed by many of us after the long spell of off-the-face styles.

With similar lines for gowns and suits, come simpler shoes to match. The swing back and the platform sole are on their way out, while the plain and elegant court shoe comes back into favour, with a grace of line more flattering than ever. There really is no other style which can display a neat ankle or arched instep to better advantage... or slenderise the lines of a plump foot.

Good Background

Plainer styles make a good background for more chunky costume jewellery. Designers are experimenting most successfully with tinted stone, quartzes and rock crystal, mixing shades and mingling with pearls and paste. But chunky jewellery is not for everyone. On the small, dainty woman, it can look quite grotesque, so make sure it is for you before you are tempted.

Low necklines have given the pendant a return to popularity. All kinds are being worn, from delicate filigree or elaborate jewelled patterns for evenings, to carvings in jade, amber or quartz and simple chunks, suspended on a narrow ribbon or fine chain.

Smart women are adopting the idea of the "fashion constant"—some very special accessory item around which a whole outfit may be built. It may be anything—a really extravagant piece of jewellery, an outstanding bag, a jacket or blouse with exotic embroidery, some treasure from your travels, not to be found just anywhere. You can have lots of fun making it the focal point of your ensemble.

Plan A Pretty Wave

Those who are contemplating a permanent wave should make sure their hair is ready for the process.

Everyone wants a pretty wave that looks natural, behaves amiably, and stands up to a certain amount of seasonal hardship. "That," you could reflect, "is up to the hairdresser." Certainly most of the onus of producing a good wave rests on the operator, but there are some advance preparations which will also help to make a good job of it.

If possible, have your hair waved when you are feeling perfectly fit.

Allow sufficient time for cutting, shaping, and setting to give it a couple of weeks' anti-frizz training before the holiday start.

If that isn't possible, allow time for the curl to loosen and drop to the most becoming length.

Fresh Lease

If your hair has been ignored, drastically bleached, or carelessly tinted, give it a fresh lease of life before you have it waved.

Dry, oily, or even what appears to be normal hair improves if treated with cream or oil to offset existing scales or any drying effect of the waving process.

A week or 10 days ahead, begin massaging the scalp and hair ends with something suited to the scalp condition.

Among the oils, warmed olive, castor, or peanut oil does wonders for the dry head, and if the hair is bleached the hot oil softens it before re-bleaching.

Oil is applied to the scalp in small sections, then steamed in with a hot towel wrapped turban-wise around the head. Hair creams for dry hair are also available. Shampoo at least twice during build-up period with liquid soap—less shampoo, liquid soap shampoo, or liquid soap.

Brush Briskly

When dry, massage a tiny bit of the hair preparation into the roots, brush briskly to distribute it through the strands, and be rewarded both by improved polish and the better results that will accrue from your perm.

Brushing does not impair a wave, but deepens it, as the hair gains snap and strength because of the increased circulation. Each night when you brush your hair, comb the curls and waves back into place and secure them with a few pins.



Old snakeskin is the material used for this exotic shoe; also silver and bronze kid, white crushed kid, honey brocade, and mustard and black suede.

Ann Temple Repressing Emotions

We are 21, too normal, healthy girls fond of sport and dancing, both interesting careers. We want your advice on what seems to us a most important social problem of the present day.

Our boy friends are polite, well-educated, and intelligent, but we find it is impossible to have a platonic friendship. We enjoy kissing and necking, but we think it is bad for us to have to repress natural urges when they are aroused.

We think kissing is a natural instinct, but cannot decide whether it should be repressed or not. The boys, of course, have no problem in it at all—TWO GIRLS.

You are living in a day when an appreciation of the meaning of respect for womanhood and motherhood has been dimmed out by a sensual application of the idea of equality where difference makes equality an impossibility.

You are living in a day when sex is emphasised blatantly everywhere around you. Sex consciousness is forced on you, and when all the so-called taboos of protection have disappeared.

You are out in the world on your own and you get no help from the leadership, discipline, disorganised form of society in which you find yourselves.

Some challenge to you! Now you're young and intelligent. You know how to hold your own in the way of earning your living. I say it's very, very hard on you, but you've just got to apply that same intelligence plus all your mother wit to this major problem.

For heaven's sake don't ask me to say "Don't this" and "Don't that." What you need is a guiding principle and that I'll give you. A man will take what a woman gives at the price she sets on it. Even a kiss can be too cheap.

And your best defence in this jungle society is to find out the difference between necking and flirting. Flirt all you want to, with all the charm and attractiveness at your command, but "No liberties, sir."

You'll get enough thrill and fun out of being competed for, "chased," to satisfy your natural urges—for the time being. It only that became the fashion to replace this graceless, witless,

bring acquiescence, then we should have young men re-educated into the rules of courtship. For their natural instinct is "hunting."

At school I worried over my lessons. I worried in the Army, and now I worry about my work. I know it doesn't help matters at all, yet I do worry immensely. Even in bed I worry over the least little thing regarding my work, etc. In fact, I worry why I worry—J. S.

Try this little bedtime story to start with: "You are worrying, your jaws tense, your hands clenched. All tensed up. Ask yourself what you are afraid of. What you are afraid of losing. Then imagine you have lost everything, that you have nothing more to lose."

Examine the consequences in every case and decide which of your talents, your inclinations, your qualities you would use to bring you something you would value. And while doing so relax physically from head to foot—yawn—and let sleep steal over you.

Let me know how this one works with you, then I'll have something to go on with which I hope will help further.

My husband and I take our evenings out separately because our eight-year-old son has been ill for a long time. But we arranged that if we could go out together we would partner each other at what drives to foot.

He completely forgot this and arranged to partner a friend. He was surprised that I thought he should have remembered. I was surprised when I had remembered to clearly.

Do middle-aged men forget these little attentions easily? By the way, I had another partner and enjoyed myself immensely.

A. E. You are not going to draw me into fixing this one on to middle-aged men! I'll only go as far as saying that most men—of all ages—don't attach quite so much importance to these little attentions as women do.

Anyway, you can wholly forgive a man for forgetting. It's when he pretends he has forgotten that the storm gets out of the tencup.

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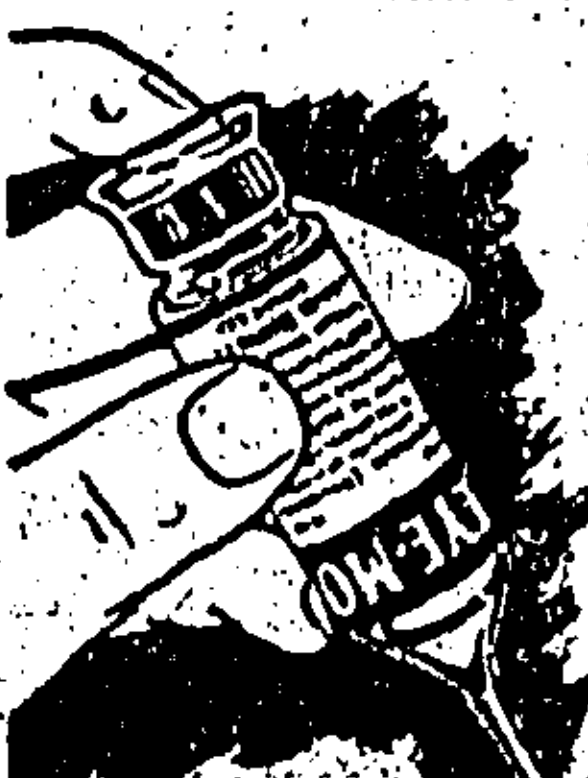
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Between Ourselves:

OFFICE GLAMOUR

By Max Factor, Jr.

A young business woman who desires to present an attractive, yet efficient appearance should be advised that this is possible only if her make-up application is a light, thin one, rather than a heavy dramatic one.

While colourful make-up is appropriate and recommended for evening appearances, employers are inclined to avoid taking on any woman who applies for a position looking as if she were on her way to a cocktail party.

Make-up for office wear should be light both in colour and application. An exceptionally smooth complexion make-up, a touch of rouge, subdued eye make-up, a smooth, well-blended lipstick application, all these in a harmonious daytime shade, comprise an attractive make-up in the professional field.

One of the most important factors in your grooming should be its durability. Constant retouching with the powder puff will probably be necessary if you don't use a foundation make-up. Most employers don't appreciate numerous repair trips, regardless of how glamorous the results are.

Your hair-do can be a basically simple one for office wear. A hair-do which needs many retouchings, pattings, and re-pinnings is no glamour asset as far as office appearances are concerned.

Common sense should tell any woman that her employer will be highly displeased if she comes to work either completely or partially devoid of make-up and proceeds to apply it there.

Obviously young teen agers should beware of grooming themselves in too adult and sophisticated a fashion for their working hours, or any other hours, for that matter. Any woman who grooms herself in a fashion which makes her look older than her years is being rather foolish, as any older woman would waste no time in telling her. Youth is a very desirable something which can't be counterfeited, and, if you possess it, don't minimise this fact.



Glamorous Hollywood stars like JOAN CRAWFORD accent their natural beauty with two types of make-up procedures, one for daytime appearances and one for evening.

Fresh And Lovely

By CLAUDIA

Fresh, cool and clean . . . that's the way your face should feel. There are so many things to take away that feeling: heat, stuffy rooms, the drying action of the weather, or just plain tiredness.

Then the skin feels dull, taut and dry, or hot and sticky. You can't look your best feeling like that, so you must know how to bring that good, fresh feeling back again.

Just as a bath is refreshing to the body, so is a good wash the best way to start reviving the face. Use soap and water never did the finest skin any harm, but if the skin is very sensitive, substitute a small bag of fine oatmeal for the soap. It will make the water delightfully soft and milky and the bag can be used to wash the face, just like a soapy cloth.

In washing, you want to strike the happy mean between too-vigorous scouring and too-gentle wiping, which does no good at all. Try a brisk, circular motion, making small scroll patterns all over the face, firmly, but without pulling the skin. You will feel your face begin to "come alive", tingling slightly.

Excellent Stimulant

Now rinse with lots and lots of cold water, as cold as you can get. If the skin is dull and sluggish, you can now take a bowl of really hot water and apply hot and cold cloths alternately to stimulate the circulation and start the blood flushing through the tissues beneath the skin surface. A piece of ice, wrapped in a cloth and rubbed gently over the face, is an excellent stimulant too, but it is not wise to do this if there is any tendency to broken veins in the skin.

Most women don't realise the importance of using a skin tonic after cleansing the skin. Constant use of creams and cosmetics, with their slightly relaxing effect on the pores, make skin tonic a "must" in skin care. Many an open pore condition could have been avoided if a toning lotion had been regularly used.

Some skin tonics are applied directly on to the face with a moistened pad of cotton wool. Others can be added to the final rinsing water, making it delightfully refreshing.

Rather Drastic

Astringent lotions should be treated with respect, for they are rather drastic. They should be used only on the coarse and oily type of skin . . . and then, discreetly.

After this cleansing and toning, the skin should feel immeasurably fresher. Add an eye-bath with one of the excellent patent eye lotions and give the eyes their share too.



Black velvet Victorian jacket, teamed with an arrow-head striped skirt in black, grey and amber, designed by Marcus, worn by Susan Shaw of the J. Arthur Rank Organisation, photographed on the roof of the Savoy Hotel.

Then there is the mask. Almost every mask has a refreshing and refining effect on the skin, but some are specially prepared to act as a tonic for tired faces, to give back that young, fresh, alive feeling to the skin. They work a minor miracle in 15 to 20 minutes . . . and quite half the total benefit is due to the short rest you are obliged to take while the mask is working and drying. Make the most of it by relaxing as completely as you know how.

Lastly, a word about make-up. Really heavy make-up does tire the skin . . . and it encourages that unpleasant "sticky" feeling when you get tired. Make up with a light hand, just a touch of colour, a delicate film of foundation and a light dusting of powder. Your skin will look better and feel better.

Christian Dior's Confection

Paris is suffering from two epidemics: the "flu" and costume balls. Guests at the Count de Beaumont's ball had to come dressed as kings and queens. Of course Louis XIV, Marie Antoinette, Henry VIII and Mary Stuart were present. But far more original—Madame Schiaparelli came wearing a bee-hive on her head and in a yellow and black striped dress. Everyone realised she was a queen bee.

Christian Dior, king of the New Look, came as the king of beasts—a lion. His false lion's head was in fawn-coloured satin. The queen of flowers—the rose—attracted much attention by her beautiful dress made entirely from tiny artificial roses. There was also the king of sweets. He had packages of sweets and nougat hung all over him. Guests just helped themselves.

'Flu Parties

Newest Parisian social events: "flu" tea parties. I was called up twice last week by friends who asked, "Have you had it?" I replied, "Yes," and was invited to tea. "We will all talk about the 'flu,'" my host assured me. But don't expect sympathy from the other guests. No matter how high your temperature ran you were sure to find someone who had it higher. The biggest flu wins.

Newspapers recommend rum as an antidote. Hot grog, "Baba au Rhum" cakes, rum puddings and chocolate sweets with rum centres are all the rage. These are wonderful times for the rum importing companies. But one still catches flu.



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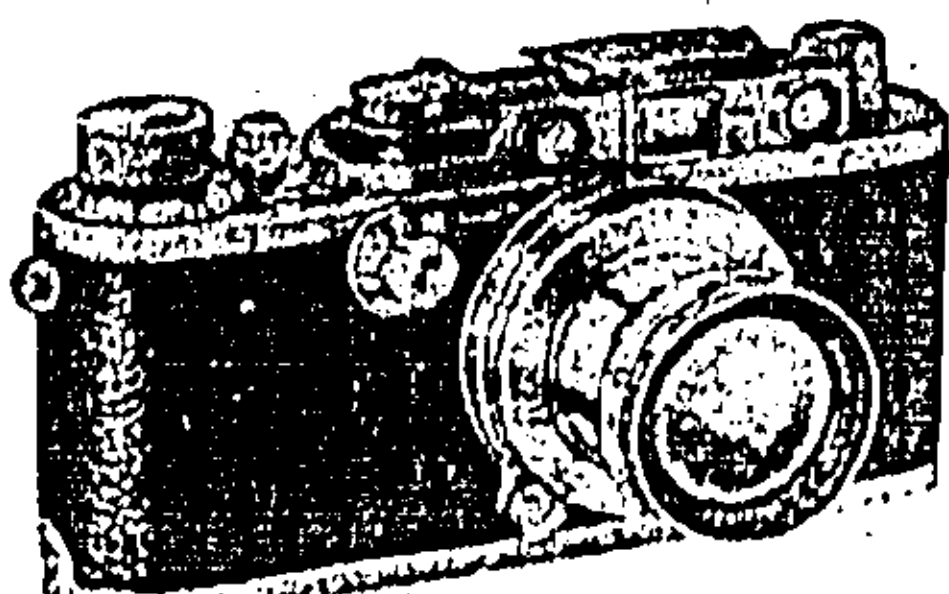
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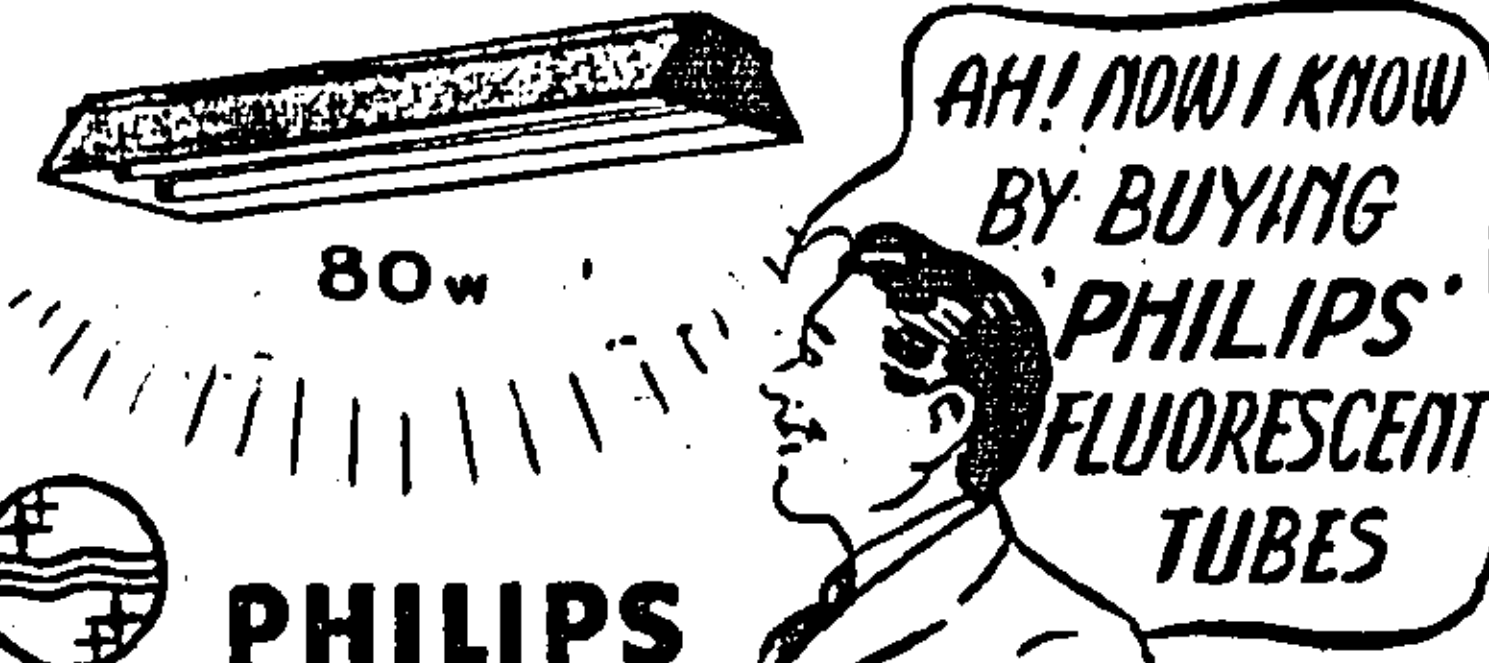


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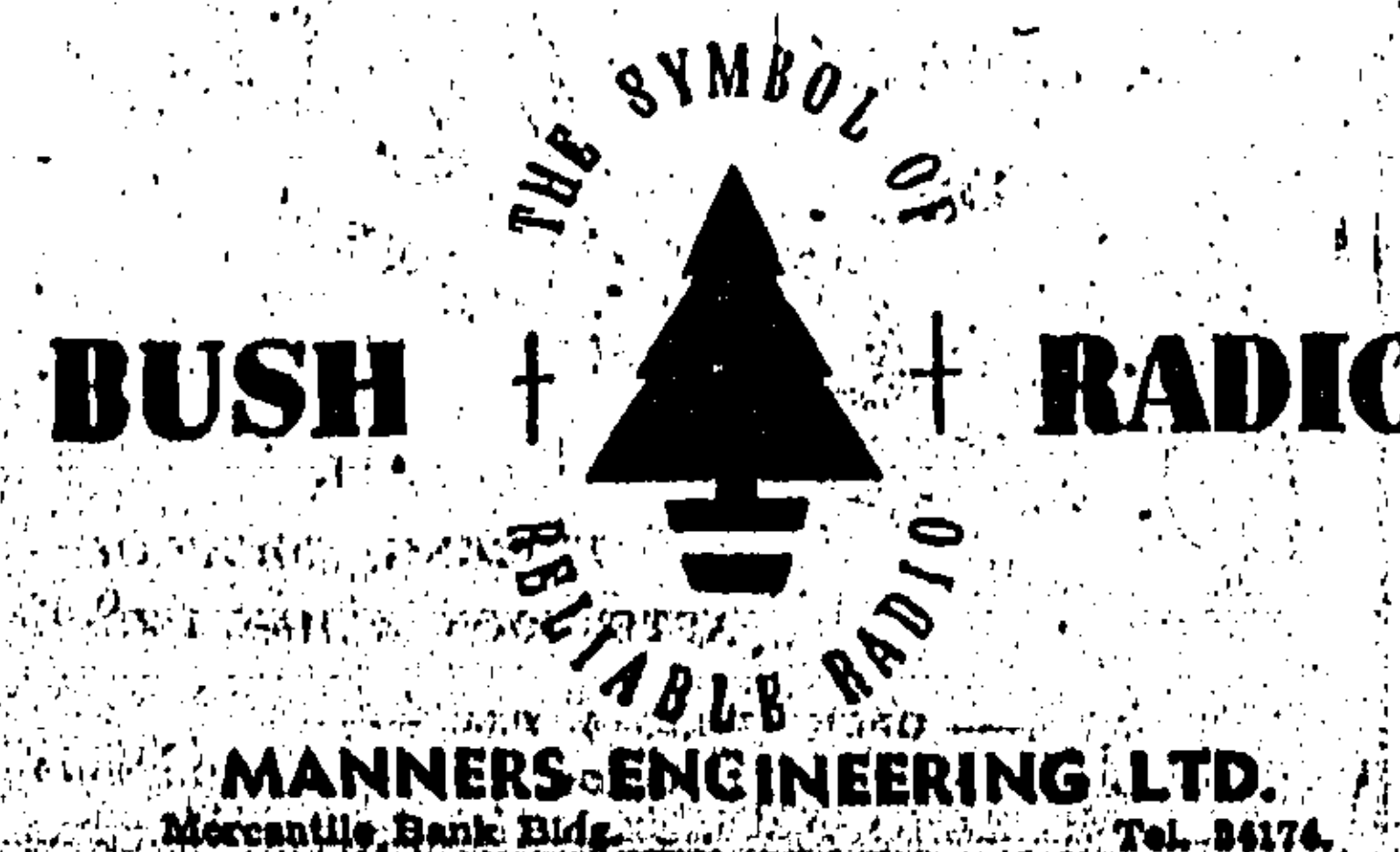
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OF THE RUSSIAN LIFT

London, January 28.

The story of "Paiforce"—the little publicised group of British troops in Persia and Iraq during the war—was published last night by the War Office.

The report tells how the hastily formed force of soldiers, engineers and dockmen opened a 1,000-mile route from Basra that enabled 5,000,000 tons of war supplies to go to Russia.

After Greece had been overrun by the Germans in April 1941, a German-sponsored rebellion in Iraq made it clear where the next threat lay, the official story says.

To meet it, one Indian Infantry brigade and one field reinforcement were sent to Malaya. They became the nucleus of "Paiforce," after the rebellion had been suppressed.

After the fighting in Iraq came the brief campaign, which, with Russian help, secured the full partnership of Persia, the official story continues.

But the defence of this vast area did not end the tale.

There came a call for war supplies to be transported through the 1,000 miles of land between the Persian Gulf and the South Russian border.

All The Talents

"Paiforce" enabled millions of tons of supplies to go to Russia across a stretch of country containing many obstacles—waterless desert, ice-bound mountains, sandstorms, rainstorms and the encountering in a single day's journey of the highest and lowest temperatures that man can survive.

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The official report says: "If nothing else had been accomplished, the Russian lift would have established the story of Paiforce as one of the great stories of the war."

"Paiforce" was an army of all the talents and of many nations, all of whom, and notably the Indians, played their part.—Associated Press.

Ban On
Holland's
Air Lines

The Hague, January 28.

The Netherlands Minister for Transport M.D.G. Wispitzen told the Dutch Second Chamber today that the Government is considering whether India and Pakistan be held responsible for any losses caused by their ban on Netherlands aircraft landing in their territories.

Both India and Pakistan had acted against the international air agreement in banning the flight of Dutch aircraft across their territories, he said.

India, Pakistan and Ceylon banned their airfields to Netherlands aircraft last December in protest against the Netherlands "police action" in Indonesia.

The KLM Airlines announced yesterday that it will resume its flights from Holland to Batavia, Indonesia, along two new routes from today.

The first aircraft, which will leave on an experimental flight today by way of Khartoum, Reunion Island, and Badang, is expected to take about 4½ days to reach Batavia. If the pilot's report is satisfactory, it is possible that a regular three weekly service between Amsterdam and Batavia will run on this route.—Reuter.

Rhodes Talks On
Verge Of Failure

Rhodes, January 27.

An atmosphere of the deepest pessimism has settled over the Jewish-Egyptian armistice negotiations.

Sources close to the Palestine mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, intimate that the talks may be on the brink of collapse.

United Nations officials wonder which side will take the initial step in the expected failure of negotiations and thereby risk the criticism of the Security Council.

A Jewish source said today: "We are planning to leave for Israel soon. We cannot lose more time here."

A neutral informant said: "The two sides differ not merely on details of argument but on principle."

Plans to redistribute the United Nations staff here in the event of a collapse are being drawn up.

The differences are much deeper than has been hinted.

Bandsmen Want
Safety Zone

London, January 27.

Bandsmen taking part in open air concerts in Chelsea have been unable to concentrate on their music, because children sit close to them, throw things down the trumps and tie their chairs together.

A committee which is organising a special "Chelsea Week" of celebrations in May has had to face this problem of actively hostile audiences of children. The committee is looking around for a safety zone where the bandsmen will not be disturbed.—Reuter.

Ship Fire
In Cebu

Cebu, January 28.

The Baztan, converted FS ship of 500 tons, caught fire in Cebu harbour last night.

Moored scarcely 30 yards from the Cebu Customs House, the small ship burned while city fire-fighters swarmed over its decks.

In Manila, Elzalde Lines, owners of the Baztan, said the fire was controlled after one hour. Slight damage was confined to one hold.

Observers believe the fire started from petrol being loaded. The cargo in Hold No. 1 was not burned but was thoroughly drenched with water from fire hoses.—Associated Press.

Russians Are Losing
Support In Germany

Berlin, January 28.

Time is running out on Russia's biggest opportunity for winning the support and good will of Germany's 70,000,000 people.

Thousands of German families counted on the Soviet Union's promise that all war prisoners would be returned by December 31, 1948. At the Moscow conference last year, Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov gave assurances that Russia would send back some 892,000 Germans who have been serving as slave labourers.

It is estimated that 500,000 of them have yet to come back. There also remains the big question of what happened to 2,000,000 other Germans taken prisoner by the Russian army.

Some quarters believe the Russians intentionally keep alive the myth of a large "Free German" army under the direction of German Field Marshal Friedrich von Paulus. Such an army does exist, but it is relatively small. The French-licensed Berlin newspaper Kurier summed it up:

"It is true that the Soviets have selected the specialists, particularly those familiar with submarines and aircraft, from among the millions of war prisoners. It is correct that German officers headed by a German admiral are taking part in establishing submarine bases in the Baltic countries, especially around Riga. It also is true that former German soldiers and officers are working at airfields and aircraft factories in central Russia."

Wishful Thinking

"But their number does not come close to accounting for 1,900,000 still missing."

Kurier, like countless other Germans, has come to the realization that it is wishful thinking to hope any longer that those men will come back.

Of the thousands who died from starvation, the cold, in slave labour camps, or who were killed, there are no records, Kurier told its readers.

For a few weeks a large share of the German people wavered in indecision. They had to choose between East and West as the "cold war" increased in intensity.

Had the Russians made a real effort then to return war prisoners, they might have made headway in their attempt to win popular support of the Germans.

Since they failed in their promise—and it was of primary concern to families throughout the nation—there is no reason to believe their promises now, Germans say.

Indoctrinated

Ex-prisoners being brought back to serve in the German police army in the Russian zone are mostly well indoctrinated with Communism.

They have gone through the Lenin high school at Moscow and most of them served as Communist-backed anti-Fascist leaders in prisoner camps.

In a majority of cases, for one reason or another, these men are German outcasts who for conceivable reasons could not return to their home towns.

The numbers in the Police Army are unknown. It is believed to number close to 100,000, although some reports have placed it as high as 400,000.—United Press.

TRUMAN MUM
ON ISRAEL

Washington, January 27.

President Truman declined today to say when the United States may grant full diplomatic recognition of Israel. He told a news conference he will answer that question when he is ready to do so.

He did not elaborate, nor would he comment on the prospects of recognition for Transjordan.—Reuter.

Canadian
Communist
Arrested

Washington, January 27.

The United States Federal Bureau of Investigation has arrested the former Organising Secretary of the Canadian Communist Party, Sam Carr, the Justice Department announced today.

Carr, described as a key figure in alleged Soviet activity in Canada, was arrested in New York.

The Justice Department said Carr played an important part in the spy network which was exposed in September, 1948, after testimony by Igor Gouzenko, a Russian Embassy cipher clerk.

The Director of the FBI, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, said Carr is wanted in Canada for violation of the Official Secrets Act.

He said that the Royal Commission set up in Canada to investigate spy rings has decided that Carr took an active part in recruiting Soviet agents and that Carr acted as a contact man for Russian officials and secured and sent confidential information to the Moscow Government.

According to Mr. Hoover, Carr also assisted in faking a passport for a Russian agent known as Ignacy Witezak, who then lived in the United States.—Reuter.

VICE MARSHAL
VISITS RAF

London, January 28.

Air Vice Marshal A. L. R. Atcherley, Air Commander-designate of the Royal Pakistan Air Force, who leaves shortly for Karachi to take over his post duties, visited today the Royal Air Force training centre at Hangle, Southampton, where 80 young men from Pakistan are receiving technical training.

Air Vice Marshal Atcherley was accompanied by Air Commodore M. K. Janjua, second in command of the Royal Pakistan Air Force.—Reuter.

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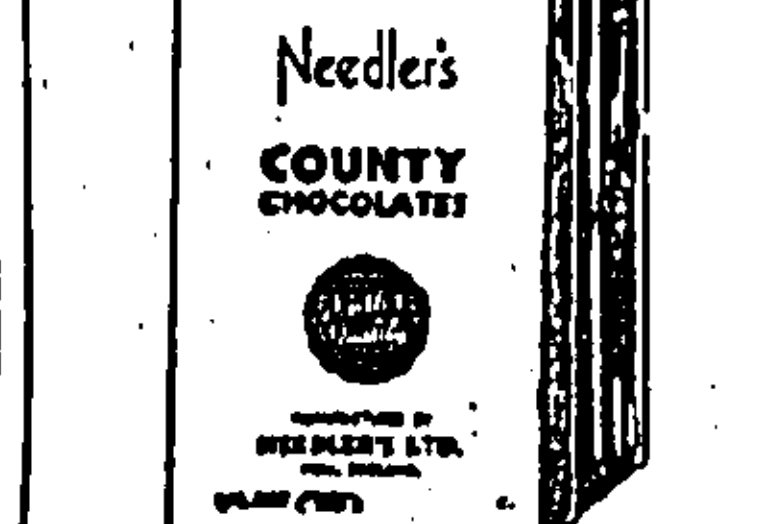
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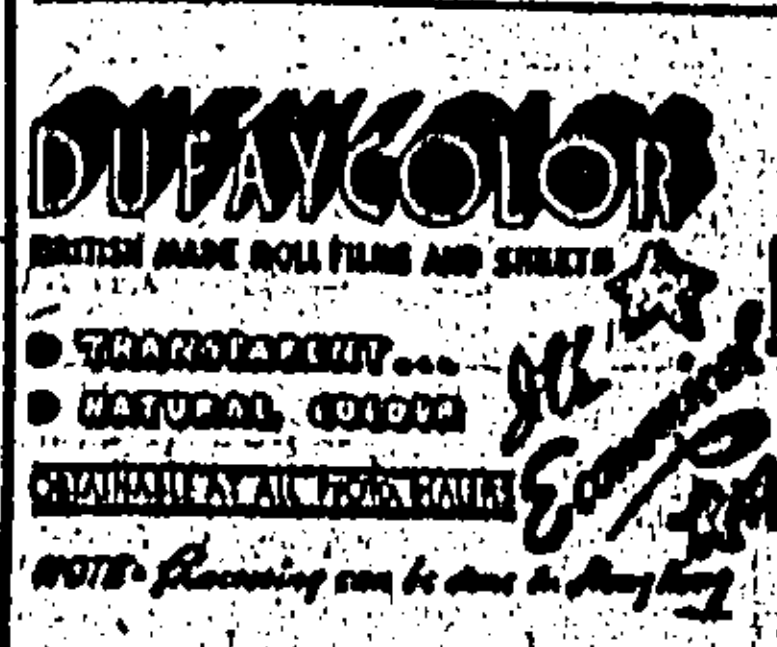


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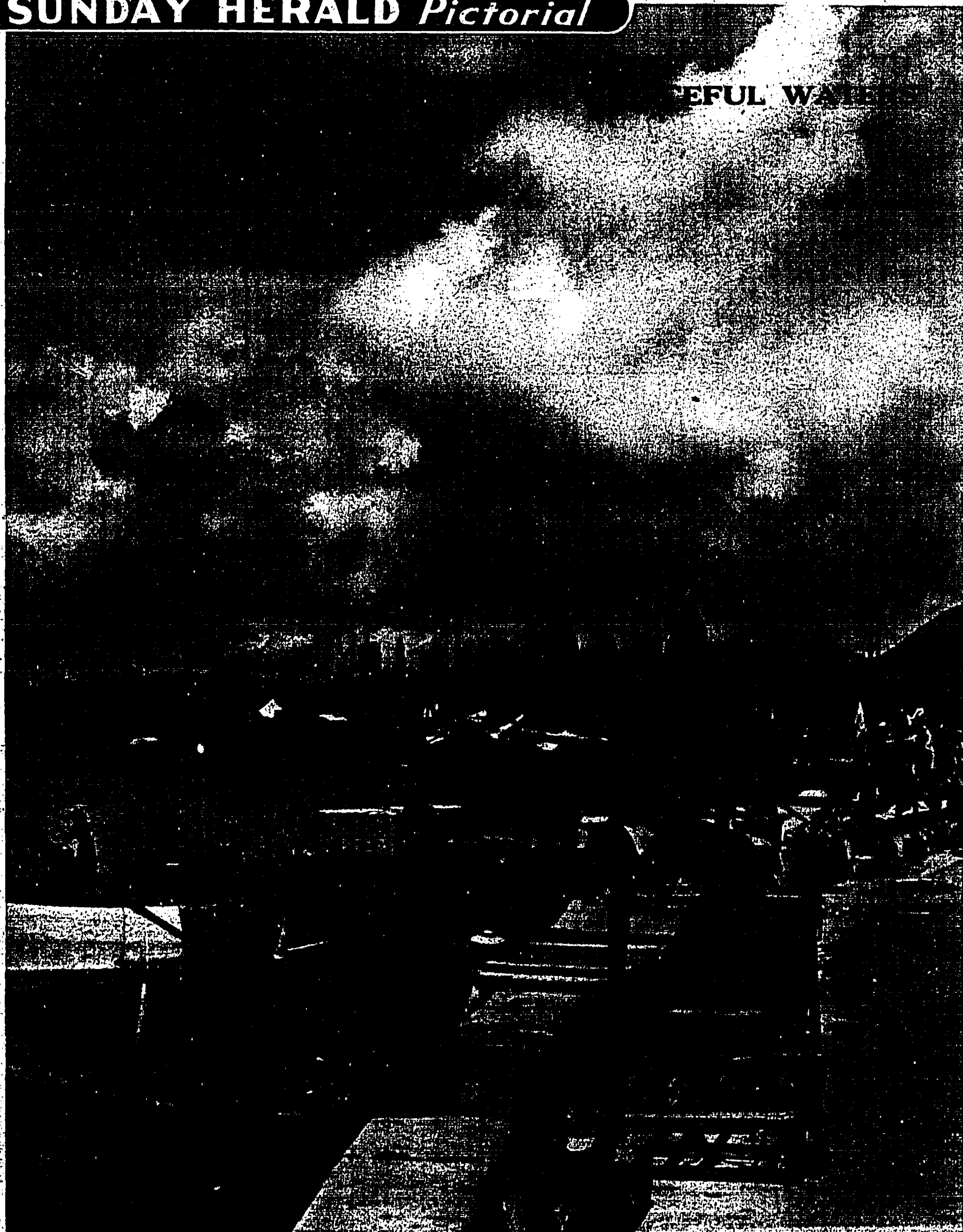
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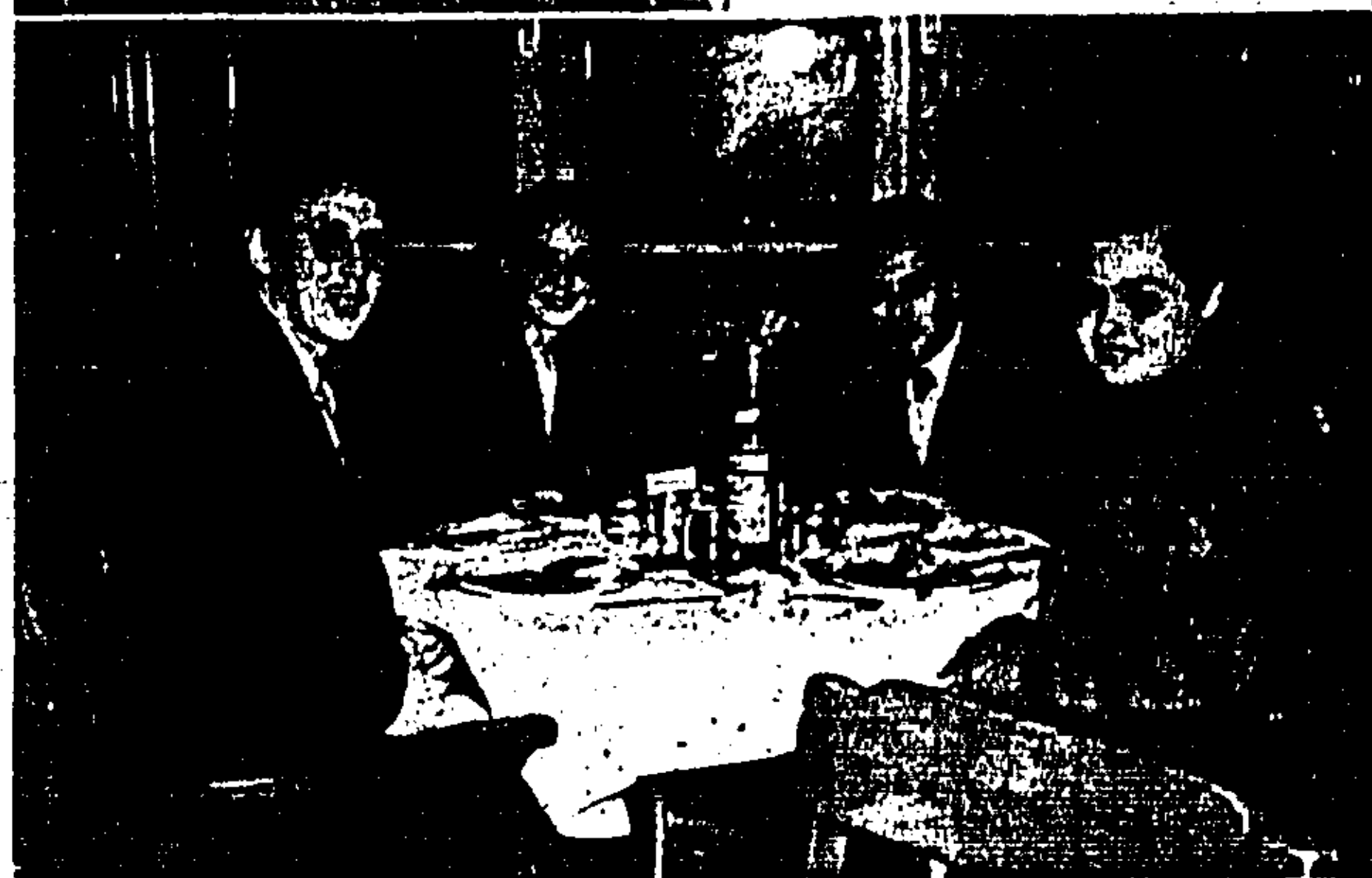
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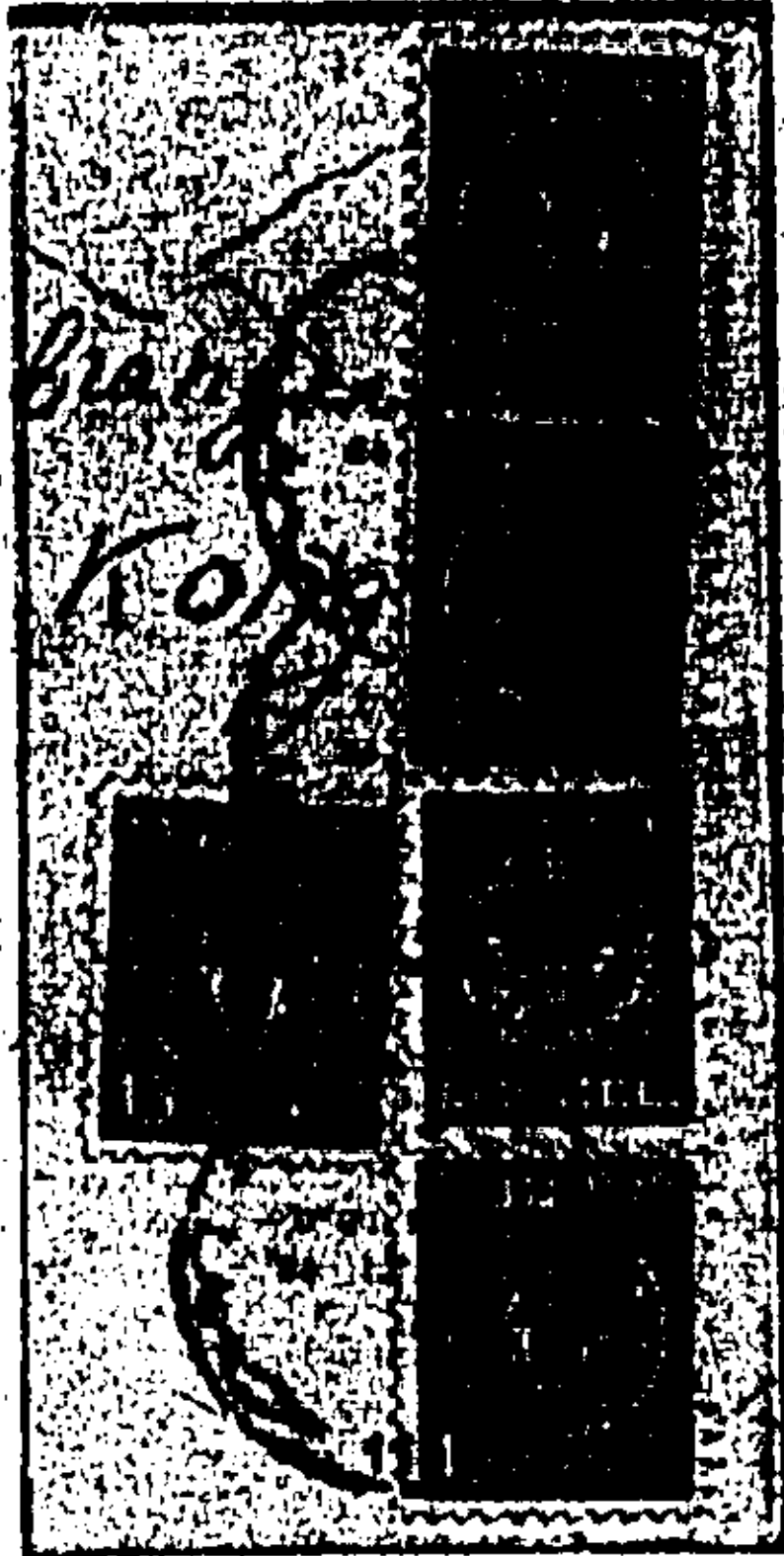
From left to right, Mrs. Por Peng Teik, Mr. G. D. Sloss, Miss M. J. King, Dr. Lee Har Llong, Mrs. J. Sloss, Dr. Por Peng Teik and Mrs. K. D. Ling, at the annual dinner party of the Hong Kong University Alumni.



Those present at the Alumni Association dinner included, from left to right, Dr. George Choa, Mrs. Choa, Mr. J. C. Fenton and Miss P. Kotewall.



Mrs. G. E. Brockett, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bailey, Mr. G. E. Brockett, Mrs. I. A. Prew, Mr. A. Brallford and Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Broadbridge at the Hong Kong University dinner.



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Lady M. K. Lo awards a prize to Mr. Mok Hing-wing at the 28th annual members' subscription of the South China Athletic Association.

At the same meeting, Mr. Ho Sin Hang, Mr. Leo Ming Chak, Mr. Luke Oi Wan, Sir M. K. Lo, Mr. and Mrs. Kwok Chen, and Mr. Chan Wing Pak.

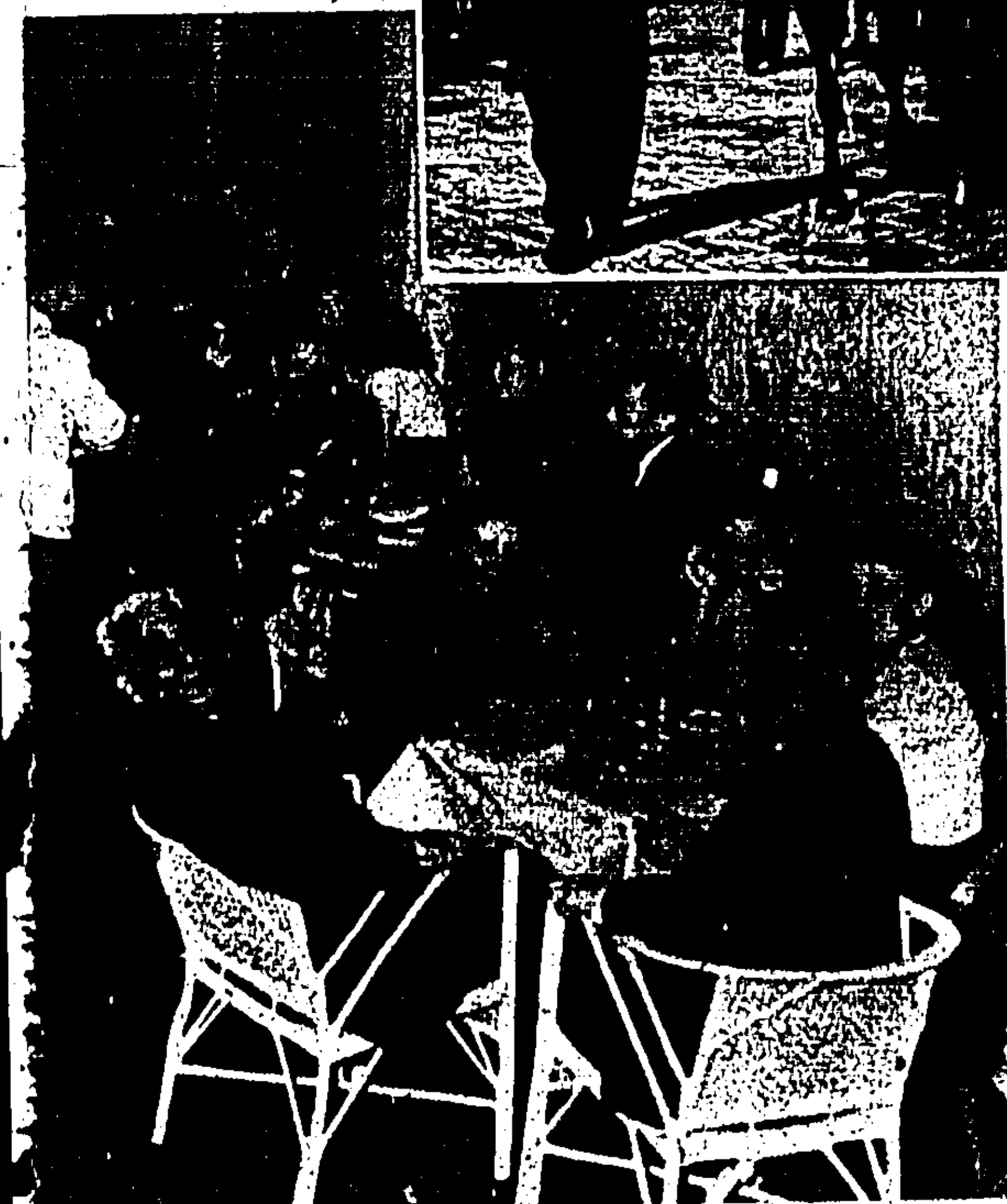
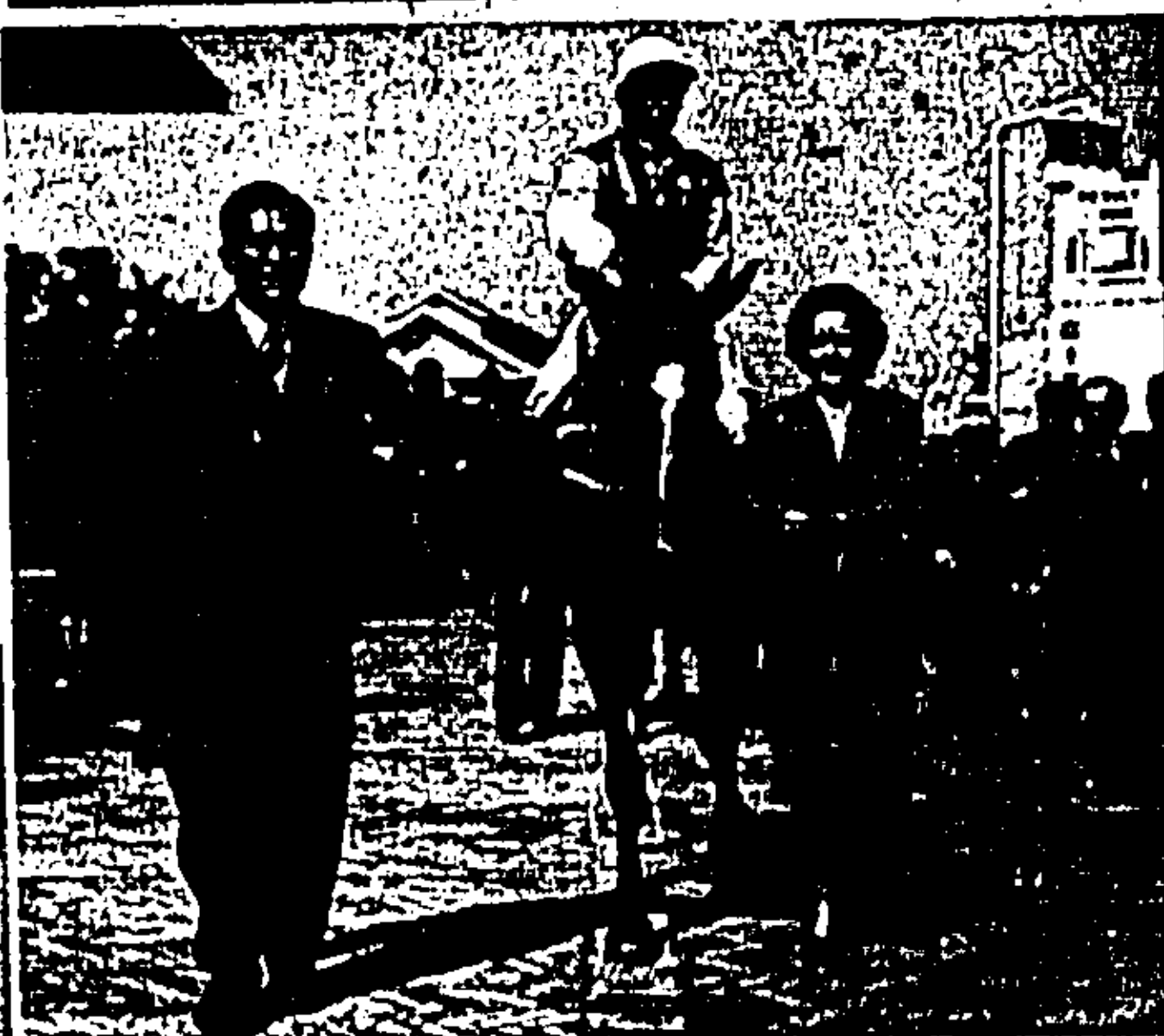


Mr. Wood entertains guests Mr. and Mrs. Faber and Mr. T. Barron.

Mr. Kay entertains during the Ambulance Ball.

Winner of the Valley at Happy Valley.

Dance by Miss Samy, and dinner at the Hong Kong Hotel.

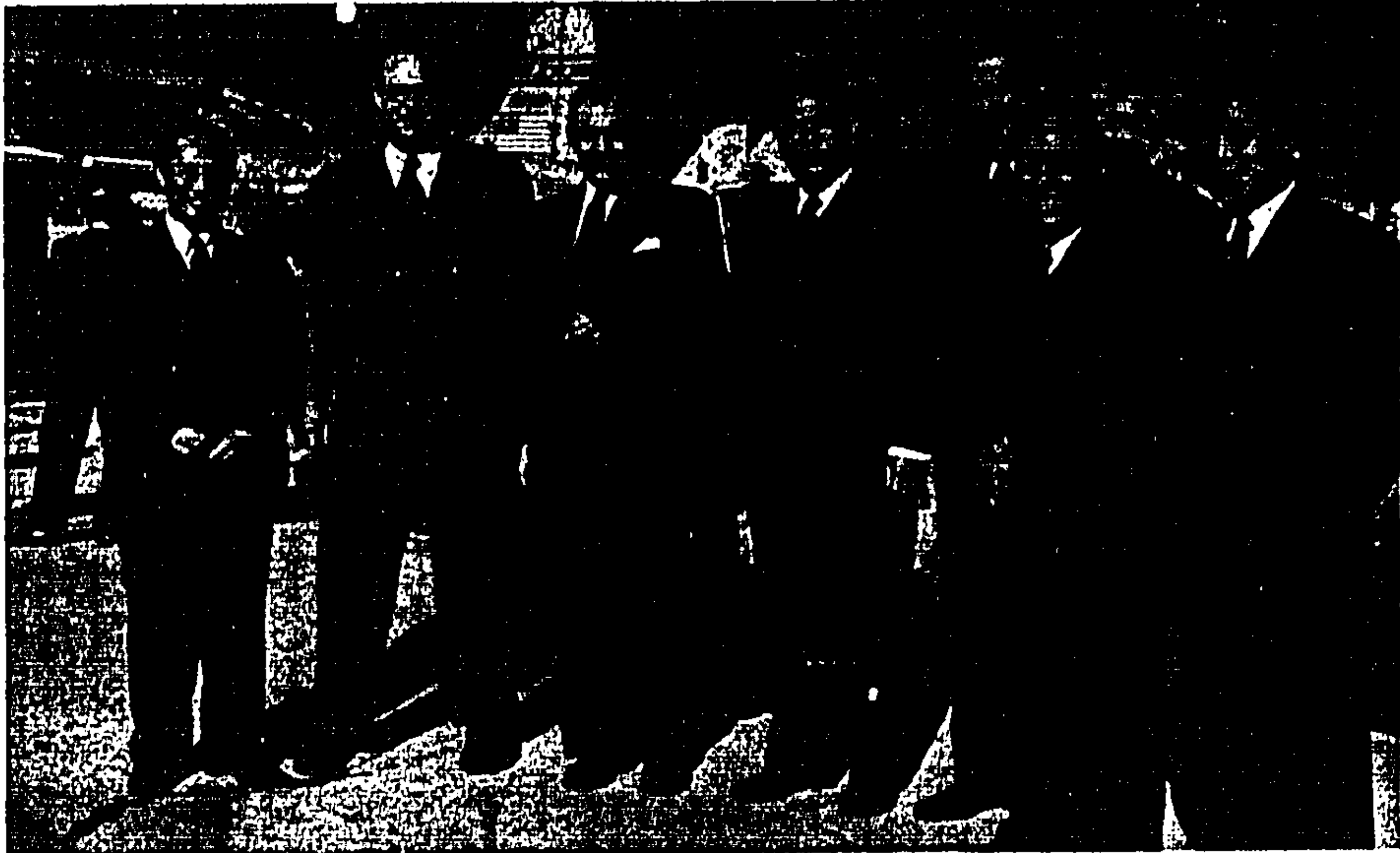


Guests at the cocktail party given at his residence by Mr. C. F. Wood.

Mr. Wood, well known piano virtuoso, deserts the keyboard to put on a comedy show at the St. John's Ambulance Ball.



A congenial group at Mr. Wood's cocktail party. From left to right, Mrs. Anker-son, Mr. and Mrs. Moss, and Mrs. J. Moodie.



Mr. E. G. A. Grimwood (third from left), London agent for the Hong Kong Government, arrived at Kai Tak. With him are Mr. J. J. Cowperthwaite, Director of the Department of Supplies, Trade and Industry, Dr. Shum Choy-wah, Chairman of the Chinese Manufacturers Union, Mr. U. Tai-chee, Managing Director of the Hong Kong Preserved Ginger Distributors Ltd., Mr. Robert Der, Chairman of the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. C. L. Hsu.



Smiling happily during their reception at the Hong Kong Hotel are Mr. R. P. Farrell and his bride, the former Miss M. J. Summers. They were married at St. Andrew's Church.

Members of the Cheung Shan Club pose for the cameraman at their first post-war reunion dinner.



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"TSINAN"	Swatow	3 p.m. 30th Jan.
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 1st Feb.
"HUPEH"	Swatow, Saigon & Bangkok	3 p.m. 2nd Feb.
"TSINAN"	Swatow	3 p.m. 3rd Feb.
"YCHOOW"	Amoy, Swatow, Hoihow, Saigon, Singapore, Balawan & Penang	5 p.m. 3rd Feb.
"FUKIEN"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 4th Feb.
"HANYANG"	Sourabaya & Batavia	4 p.m. 3rd Feb.
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 6th Feb.
"ANHUI"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 11th Feb.

ARRIVALS FROM

"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	7 a.m. 30th Jan.
"FUKIEN"	Japan, Shanghai, Keelung & Takao	1st Feb.
"TSINAN"	Swatow	9 a.m. 2nd Feb.
"HANYANG"	Shanghai	3rd Feb.
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai & Keelung	9th Feb.

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"LATSHAN"	Sails for Canton 9 p.m. 30th Jan. Arrives from Canton 7 a.m. 1st Feb.
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"CYCLOPS"	U.K. via Straits	1st Feb.
"ACHILLES"	U.K. via Straits & Manila	12th Feb.
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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"TJITJALENGKA" from Shanghai to Javaports 1st Feb	to Javaports 3rd March
"TJIBADAK" In port	to Javaports 3rd February
"VAN HEUTSZ" In port	to Swatow, Amoy, Manila 4th Feb.
"TJISADANE" from Macassar to Javaports 4th Feb.	to Javaports & Macassar 17th Feb.

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"HVV" calling Mombasa direct.	to South Africa & South America 23rd February.

"STRAAT SOENDA"

from South Africa, 12th February.

"BOISSEVAIN"

from South America & South Africa, 31st March.

"STRAAT MALAKKA"

from South America & South Africa, 12th May.

Transshipment cargo on through B/L to Dar-Es-Salaam, Zanzibar accepted on all sailings.

SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE

Arrivals Sailings

"VAN RIEMSDIJK" from B. Dell & Straits 20th Jan.

"VAN HEUTSZ" In port

to Swatow, Amoy & Manila 4th February.

to Straits & B. Dell 20th Feb.

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Arrivals Sailings

"MEERKERK" from Japan, Shanghai 1st Feb.

"RIJNKERK" from Europe 17th Feb.

to Europe via Manila & Straits, 2nd Feb.

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"MELISKERK" from Europe Early March.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

EUROPEAN SCHEME TO AID THE WEAKER COUNTRIES

London, January 27.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the House of Commons today that economically strong countries in Europe are prepared to make grants to their weaker partners and to export goods and services to them for which they will receive nothing in return. They have expressed their willingness to do this for a time at any rate, he said.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The revival of interest in the Market noted at the beginning of this week has been sustained throughout the period. The paucity in the aggregate of business transacted is attributable to the reluctance of sellers to trade in spite of the fact that quotations in many instances show appreciation. Indeed, at the close of business, on the eve of Chinese New Year, the demand was still unsatisfied.

A dividend of \$6 and bonus of \$2 per share both less tax have been declared by the Directors of the Bank of East Asia.

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He was speaking in the House of Commons on a bill providing for the carrying out of certain financial provisions in the Anglo-American Economic Co-operation Agreement and the Inter-European Payments and Compensation Agreement.

The system of inter-European grants, amounting to the equivalent of \$300 million in all, has greatly assisted the movement of trade within Europe, he said.

"The scheme is in fact a great deal more than a scheme for intra-European payments. It covers directly the trade of a large part of the world," he declared.

"It has only been in operation for a few months so far and we cannot as yet form any considered judgment on its working. It has not opened up the channels of European trade fully or entirely done away with gold settlements within Europe."

"We are still having to pay gold on a considerable scale to Belgium and Switzerland to obtain essential imports such as steel, fish and machinery."

Wise Adjustment

"It is not of course suggested that the payments scheme of itself can cure the unbalance of European trade."

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said the first stage of his mission, criticism and analysis of the economic programmes of the 10 European countries is a great international achievement.

Nothing like it has ever been attempted before in world history and it has provided a foundation upon which real co-operation can be built.

"We must now re-examine our own plans against the background of this general picture so that we can in collaboration with the other participating countries bring about a wise and reasonable adjustment of programmes."

SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London Silver Spot fine ounce 42½; Forward 42½; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce 172½.

New York Silver, Bar, (asked price) 70 ½; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce (official) \$35.

Bombay Silver, Ready, per 100 tolas Rupees 104, Annas 08; Forward no trading; Marwar (unofficial) no trading; Gold, Sovereign 75, 00s. (one tola is equal to 1/16 of an ounce).

Bangkok Gold, Bar, baht-weight of 15.245 Grammes Unquoted; Exchange Rate (Selling) Bangkok on New York T.T. 10.80; London 61.85; Hong Kong 3.90.

Alexandria: Fine Gold (Dihram) 45; Egyptian pound (Found) 45; Sovereign (Kiln) 41; Sovereign (Queen) 40; Nappoleon (Louis) 330; Union Latine (1 coin of 20 francs gold) 290; Turkish Gold pound 310; Dollar (American gold coin of 1/3 dollars) 430; Pure Silver (per kilo) 800.

Free Market Rates: Napoleon 5.725 Frs.; French 10 franc coins 2.50 Swiss Francs 3.00; Union Latine 5.325; Sovereign 7.000; Half Sovereign 3.200; U.S. \$20 Coin 28.100; U.S. \$10 Coin 13.850; Sovereign (in frs) U.S. \$ per ounce \$93.2; Nappoleon (in frs) U.S. \$ per ounce \$26.2; U.S. Dollar notes (in black market) 405.

Free Market Rates: Ingots: Fine Gold ingots, with delivery of counterpart, per gramme 234/244 Frs.; Without counterpart 780/810; Silver ingots, per kilo 6,600; 7,400; Platinum ingots, per kilo 800,000; 850,000—Reuters.

London Stock Exchange

London, January 17.

REVENUE: British Consols, 2½% 85½; Conversion Loan, 3½% 101½; Funding Loan, 4½, 1900/10 118½; War Loan, 5½% 105½; Victory Bonds, 4% 115½.

INDUSTRIALS: Anglo-American Tobacco (of U.S. & Ireland) 5½; Imperial Chemical Industries 48½; Imperial Tobacco Co. (of U.S. & Ireland) 527/22.

TEA SHARERS: Assam Consolidated Tea 81½; Assam Frontier Tea 10½; Assam Tea Co. 27½; Empire of India & Ceylon Tea Company 19½; Imperial Tea Company 26½.

RUBBER SHARERS: Anglo-Dutch Plantation of Java 12½; Kuala-Kalimpong Rubber Estate 11½; Rubber Plantation Investment Trust 18½.

MINING SHARERS: Borneo Corp. 5½; Crown Mines 2½; Nanyang Mines 12½; Spring Mines 2½; Tanyo Tin Co. 1½; Union Corp. 100½.

ROYAL DUTCH: Royal Dutch 24; Shell Transport and Trading Co. 245/22.

SHIPPING: P. & O. Steam Nav. Co. ord. 61½; CILFIT 10½; Funding Loan, 3½ 104½; Nation War Bonds, 2½% 100½; 1914/15 100½; 1915/16 100½; 1916/17 100½; 1917/18 100½; 1918/19 100½; 1919/20 100½; 1920/21 100½; 1921/22 100½; 1922/23 100½; 1923/24 100½; 1924/25 100½; 1925/26 100½; 1926/27 100½; 1927/28 100½; 1928/29 100½; 1929/30 100½; 1930/31 100½; 1931/32 100½; 1932/33 100½; 1933/34 100½; 1934/35 100½; 1935/36 100½; 1936/37 100½; 1937/38 100½; 1938/39 100½; 1939/40 100½.

FOREIGN BONDS: German Loan (Dawson) 7½; Japanese 5½; 1907/17 3½; Japanese 6½, 1924/25 100½; Japanese South Manchurian 15½; Rly. 5½, 1928 100½.

BANKS: Bank of India 11½; Bank of China 10½; Bank of Communications 10½; Bank of East Asia 10½; Bank of India 11½; Bank of China 10½; Bank of Communications 10½; Bank of East Asia 10½.

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS: Tientsin-Peking Railway 8½; Lung-Ping-U-Hai Rly. 8½; 1918 100½; 1919 100½; 1920 100½; 1921 100½; 1922 100½; 1923 100½; 1924 100½; 1925 100½; 1926 100½; 1927 100½; 1928 100½; 1929 100½; 1930 100½; 1931 100½; 1932 100½; 1933 100½; 1934 100½; 1935 100½; 1936 100½; 1937 100½; 1938 100½; 1939 100½; 1940 100½.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES: s.s. "RIVERSIDE" Arrived at Hongkong January 20, 1940

A General Average has been declared by the Owners of this vessel and Consignees of cargo are required to sign the Average Bond and pay one per cent deposit on the C.I.F. value of their goods before delivery can be effected from overseas or from the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown. Any damaged packages will be examined by our Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke on 1st February 1940 at 10 a.m. Claims will not be recognised unless notified within seven days after completion of discharge.

DODWELL & CO. LTD. (Agents). Hongkong, January 20, 1940.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES HOLDING P. & O. S.S. L. & E. A. A. BILLS OF LADING: Messrs. Goddard & Douglas will attend at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays within the free storage period to survey damaged cargo, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present. Unless consignee's representatives are present at the survey no claims can thereafter be admitted.

MAKINNON, BLACKBURN & CO. Agents. P. & O. S.S. L. & E. A. A. BILLS OF LADING.

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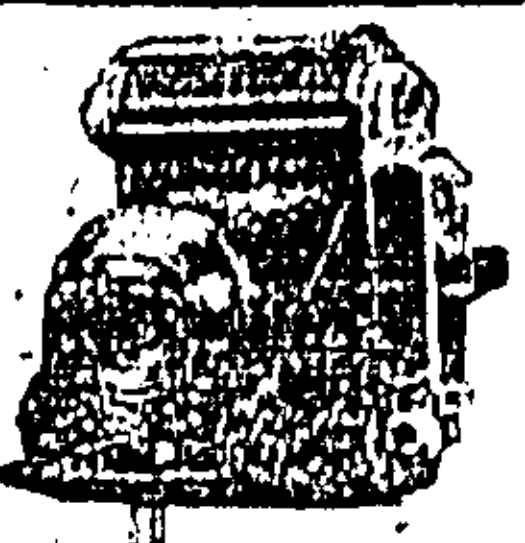
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Joe Louis To Fight In June

New York, January 27. Sol Strauss, Secretary of the 20th Century Sporting Club, today announced that Joe Louis has consented to defend his title in a June bout in New York for the 20th Century Club.

Newly returned from a four-day conference with Louis at Miami Beach, Strauss said he is convinced that Louis will fight for the heavyweight title next June for the 20th Century Club and will pick the winner of the Lee Savold-Ezzard Charles bout as his challenger. "United Press.

Hong Kong Interport

In their Interport soccer match against Saigon this afternoon, Hong Kong will be fielding the team originally selected.

It was at one time feared that reserve teams would have to take the field both today and tomorrow, as the majority of Chinese players selected had indicated that they would be unable to take part in the series.

This resulted in the calling of an Emergency Meeting of the HKFA on Thursday evening. The reserve teams were selected at this meeting as a precautionary measure in the event of negotiations which were being conducted breaking down.

The negotiations were, however, satisfactorily terminated yesterday afternoon and all the players concerned have now indicated their willingness to take the field both today and tomorrow.

END OF A CUSTOM

It is understood that the Hong Kong Football Club will be breaking their traditional custom of holding the Annual Dinner followed by a dance and this year, are having a Dinner Dance at the Peninsula Hotel on February 19, and a Dinner at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel on March 12.

It is also learned that the visit of the Shanghai Rugby team will coincide with the Dinner Dance.

Soccer over the week-end will be confined to the Interport game between Hong Kong and Saigon. This afternoon and the match between Combined Chinese and Saigon tomorrow.

Both games will be played at Caroline Hill, starting at 3.30 p.m. but as the actual line-up of the Hong Kong and Combined Chinese teams is still uncertain, no forecast can be made regarding the standard of soccer which will be seen.

If the team originally selected to represent Hong Kong fails to take the field, then the chances are that victory will go to the Saigon XI, as the substitute Hong Kong team cannot be regarded as really formidable. The same remarks apply to the case of the Combined Chinese XI.

The attitude which has been adopted by certain Chinese players in regard to the Saigon games is greatly to be deplored. The real reason why they will be unable to play have been made clear in the Chinese Press.

According to Mr. Paul J. C. Hyen, Manager of the Korean soccer team which recently visited both Hong Kong and Saigon, the players of the latter port are very fast on the ball and robust in their methods.

Very Clean Game

Mr. Hyen emphasized, however, that although the Saigon players are robust, they play a very clean game. He supported this statement by pointing out that none of the Korean players was injured in any of the three matches which were played in Saigon.

It was admitted, however, that while the Saigon players are fast on the ball, they did not play the same constructive type of football as that of the Hong Kong players. The following are the results of matches played between the two ports to date:—

1948—Hong Kong beat Saigon at Hong Kong 2-1.
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1949—Saigon beat Hong Kong at Saigon 3-1.

The 1949 Series interrupted by the Pacific War.

1947—Hong Kong beat Saigon at Hong Kong 3-2.

1948—Hong Kong beat Saigon at Saigon 2-1.

In the "China Mail" six weeks ago, an unnamed referee, who later identified himself as Mr. C. Tunstall, was sharply criticized for his manner of handling the needle match between South China "A" and St. Joseph's.

It is not the policy of this paper to be unduly critical of persons who undertake the

thankless task of endeavouring to control matches in Hong Kong in the presence of thousands of highly partisan spectators. Any embarrassment which may have been caused by the report is regretted.

The following is the programme for the Saigon series.

Today
Hong Kong v Saigon at Caroline Hill 3.30 p.m.

Tomorrow
Combined Chinese v Saigon at Caroline Hill 3.30 p.m.

Tuesday
Non-Chinese v Saigon at Caroline Hill 3.30 p.m.

Police Guard For T.V. Soong

Fear of being kidnapped has thrown a veil of secrecy and a strong police guard around Dr. T. V. Soong, former Governor of Kwangtung, who is now staying at the Repulse Bay villa, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

Sources close to Dr. Soong's associates said that Dr. Soong's arrival here from Canton last Monday, had received information that an attempt might be made to kidnap him.

Dr. Soong's first request on his arrival at Kai Tak was for police protection.

The same source told the "China Mail" that Dr. Soong plans to leave for the United States within a fortnight to support his sister, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, in her appeal for American aid in opposing Communism in China.

Former Finance Minister, Dr. Soong was appointed Chinese Ambassador to the United States in 1941. Later he became Premier of China. Fifteen months ago he was appointed Governor of Kwangtung which post he relinquished last Sunday.



Mr. Antonio Eduardo Noronha and Miss Mildred Osmond as they left Holy Church after their wedding on Thursday afternoon.

University's Fine Badminton Debut

(By "Argonaut")

The approach of the Chinese New Year holidays reduced the number of League fixtures played during the week. Two Senior games went down for decision.

In the Men's Division, University "A" managed at last to get out of their shell and made an auspicious first appearance with a convincing win of eight games to one over the KCC.

The Senior Mixed Doubles between the same two teams saw the KCC ladies doing a great share in stroking their Club to a five-four win over the University. They have improved a great deal and should be great assets to their partners in this year's Open Mixed Doubles Tournament.

In the only Junior Men's Doubles fixture, the Chinese YMCA had no difficulty in finishing their first round unbeaten when they cleared their last hurdle, Recreio, with an eight-one margin.

It is understood that the Association is now considering some recommendations for deciding the winner of the Junior Men's League. It was originally planned that the various teams be divided into two sections and the first two teams of each section at the end of the League season play a final round of round-robin. Whatever the recommendations, any decision by the Association other than the original one, will appear to be belated, coming after half of the season has been gone through.

Next Week's Games

The main attraction of the week is the much awaited University-Chinese YMCA encounter on Monday night at the latter's court.

There is no doubt that the meeting will produce a much higher standard than that witnessed in last year's thrilling struggle between the University and Sing Tao. Both are improved teams, this season with the addition of new players, and the "U" will have on their side a new player in the Colony in Bill Funk, who dominated the badminton world in Shanghai for some time.

I expect the following to be at the starting line: University: K. S. Law and T. T. Chin, S. A. Yung and G. K. Lee, H. T. Ho and T. B. To.

Chinese YMCA: Patrick Wong and Robert Tay, P. K. Hui and Raymond Young, Bill Funk and W. P. To.

Most interesting of the Junior games will be the return match between Kowloon Tong "A" and University. The latter got a close decision in the first round, but the Kowloonites will be playing on their home court this time, and I shall not be surprised to see a reversal of the score.

Colony Open Championships

The Association has decided to make an early start this year for the Colony Championships, with a view to holding representative matches during the

remainder of the season. Invitations were again invited for the Ladies Singles and Doubles, and even the entrance fees for these events have been reduced.

For some reason, or other these events have never received the support that they should and Hong Kong has never had a Ladies' Singles Champion. This is the more surprising, considering that the standard of our feminine talent is almost at par with that of the Malayan ladies.

I am surprised that, although the Association has added a Junior Mixed Doubles event in this year's tournament, it has omitted the Junior Ladies' Singles and Doubles. The argument that the Association should run a Ladies' open event first, before having a Junior one holds no water. The reasoning should actually be reversed.

That the Ladies' events have to be cancelled year after year is ample evidence. If on the other hand, the Junior events are introduced and there is a ruling that all semi-finalists will have to compete in a higher division the next season, the association can at least draw four more entries every year for the Ladies' open events. Then one day we may have these events.

A Cricketer May Improve Rugger

Strange as it may seem, a famous cricketer may improve the playing standard of Rugby football.

He is Tom Pearce, the Essex cricket captain, who has had so much to do with the improved form of Essex in the world of cricket.

Pearce refereed the Scotland-France Rugby match last week-end and he is rapidly approaching that position where he will be hailed as England's outstanding Rugby referee.

Himself a former player, a wing forward, Pearce knows all the pitfalls and one of the most recent causes of his whistle sounding has been connected with wing forwards.

These can make or mar a game and there is no doubt that by curbing their impetuosity, many appalling tactics are being eradicated from the game by Pearce's whistle.

One international player confessed that Pearce's whistle sounded like a siren when only his

CANUCKS AND VRC IN VITAL SOFTBALL GAME

("By Grandstand")

During recent weeks, runaway softball scores seem to have been the rule rather than the exception.

Fans who have felt that they have been denied the thrill of watching highly skilled exhibitions will have a treat this week as VRC and Canadians tangle in a crucial contest.

Both teams will go all out to consolidate their position as they race down the home stretch of the torrid senior loop flag chase.

Ball fans are also offered an exciting twin-bill during the holidays when four teams vie for international honours in the semi-final of the current series on Monday.

In the junior loop three-game programme, the Vikings are featured in two games as they take on the Wildfires and the Jaguars in succeeding days.

The only girl's tussle slated for the week-end is an exhibition tilt between the Baby Wahoes and the Seagulls this afternoon at the CBA Park.

With the field narrowed down to three—Madcaps having joined the other grief stricken outfits who have cracked up under the gruelling strain—neither Bill Woods' Canucks nor Charlie Figueroa's VRC nine can afford to take things easy.

Mentor, Figueroa, who has come out of retirement to mastermind the Victorians, has been very active this year, and will use every trick he can pull out of his bag to take this tilt.

The Old War-horse has a keen sense of feeling every play, and if there are any weaknesses in the opposition, Charlie would have them figured out by now.

The Maple Leaf outfit did not give an impressive showing against Chung Hwa last week, but it must be said for them that Bill Woods was not there to guide them.

With the return of Herbie Quon the Canucks can depend on two top-line hurlers—Quon and Nazarin—both of whom are also able to take over catching duties whenever a switch is necessary.

The Canadian line-up has been re-shuffled somewhat lately, and apart from Big Boy Baker at first base, the rest of the line-up is anybody's guess.

"TA KUNG PAO" TEAM IN DRAW

Manila, January 28. The Ta Kung Pao basketball team broke even with the All-Filipino quintet at 54-all in their sixth appearance at the YMCA last night.

The visitors had a 10-point lead in the closing minutes but a spurt by the local team overtook them.

Both teams decided against an extra period when the game ended.

Ta Kung Pao will play the last game tomorrow with the Manila Police Department team. —United Press.

ONE-MILLIONTH FOOD PARCEL

London, January 27. The former High Commissioner to Australia, Sir Ronald Cross, today handed over the one-millionth parcel to arrive in the United Kingdom under the Food for Britain express gift parcels scheme. —Reuter.

HOME RUGGER

Rugby Union games: Cambridge University 13, Trinity College, Dublin 6; Leicester 12, Royal Artillery 0.

Oxford University 25, Oxfordshire 0. —Reuter.

Hundreds Feared Lost In Ship Collision

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The Warramunga was enroute from Japan to Nanking when she received the first distress signal from the Taling 45 minutes after midnight. Captain W. H. Harrington, of the Royal Australian Navy, told reporters aboard his destroyer at Woomers this afternoon as the disembarkation of the survivors proceeded.

Full Speed Ahead

The Warramunga was then three hours' sailing distance from the reported location of the accident and, putting on steam, she made full speed for the scene.

She arrived on the given spot in the dark and was unable to discover any trace of the ships involved in the collision. She cruised around until dawn when she picked up an oil slick and followed it for several hours before running into debris. Soon after, the destroyer sighted survivors in the water and rescue work began.

Toon-Agers

Altogether, 31 men and four women, three of them young girls in their teens, were picked up. Captain Harrington said. Six of those were found on makeshift rafts, others in lifeboats. They were all suffering badly from exposure and shock. The crew of the Warramunga took them aboard, gave them warm clothing and food and drink and made them comfortable.

After searching around for some time and picking up a certain amount of packages and bundles floating in the water, the Warramunga made for Woomers. One of the survivors was a Chinese army man, another was the third engineer of the Kienyuen. The latter said that they had no warning at all. He was thrown out of his bunk by the impact and immediately dashed up on deck. The Kienyuen sank in five minutes and the Taling 20 minutes later.

The Warramunga is expected to continue her voyage to Nanking tonight where she is scheduled to replace the British destroyer Black Swan. —Reuter and Associated Press.

Britain's Dearth Of Boxing Talent

London, January 28.

The dearth of heavyweight boxing prospects in Britain has become so acute that a number of sporting, stage and business personalities are considering a scheme to form a syndicate to further the search for a likely candidate for world honours.

The syndicate will finance a widespread talent-spotting organisation and when a boxer, meeting their specified requirements, has been found, he will then be taken in hand and subsequently sent to the United States.

There he will receive the best training that money can buy, and a Coast-to-Coast tour, "will be paid for to provide him with the necessary experience."

For some time past, it has been generally acknowledged that training and grooming facilities for boxers in Britain are far below the standards achieved in American camps.

The idea is a welcome one to boxing fans in that an interest in being taken in the present plight of British boxing, but many consider that if a syndicate is to be formed to better the sport, it should be more on general lines and not concentrated on the finding and grooming of a heavyweight.

A good example could be set by equipping a gymnasium with modern appliances and making it available to all those interested in lifting British boxing from the doldrums.

A symposium of this kind in a sparsely populated area could provide the means for a boxer in the elementary stages to receive the best attention possible.

Once the idea has caught on, large industrial and other organisations might follow and similar training and training camps in different parts of the country would cut a boxer's expenses and thereby make the sport even more attractive. —Reuter.

Tennis In Australia

Adelaide, January 27.

Mrs. Nancy Wynne Bolton, the holder, will defend her women's singles title against Miss Doris Hart, United States Wimbledon Cup player, in the final of the Australian lawn tennis championships.

In the semi-finals played here today, Mrs. Bolton beat Mrs. M. Long by 6-4, 6-2, while Miss Hart defeated Mr. R. Baker by 6-3, 6-1.

The men's doubles final will be between John Bromwich and Adrian Quist, holders, and Geoff Brown and Bill Sidwell.

Bromwich and Quist beat Jack Crawford and Harry Homan, who played for Australia in the 1939 Davis Cup, by 3-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 in the semi-finals, while Brown and Sidwell beat Colin Long and Frank Sedgman by 6-10, 6-2, 9-7, 6-1. —Reuter.

CHINESE KILLED IN RUGGER GAME

Singapore, January 26.

Woo Bin-chye, died today of injuries received in a Rugby game on Monday.

He was a leading Chinese athlete. —Associated Press.

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